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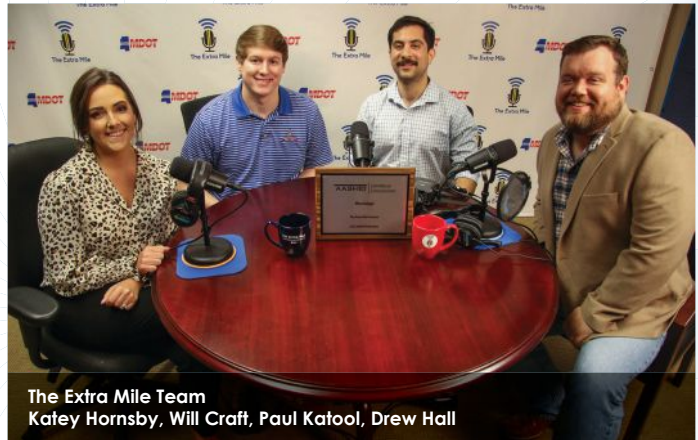
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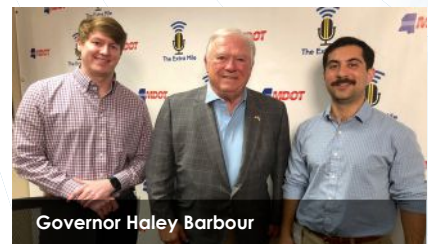
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Governor Tate Reeves and First Lady Elee Reeves

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Hospitality State!

Elee and I are excited to welcome you to Mississippi. We invite you to explore the historic communities, exceptional food, rich cultural heritage and pristine natural beauty that make Mississippi a great place to live, work and visit.

This *Official Mississippi Tour Guide* is your map to the very best of what Mississippi has to offer. Inside you will find a wealth of attractions, accommodations and unique opportunities that will ensure you have an authentic Mississippi experience as you travel throughout our beautiful state.

If your Mississippi adventure includes the great outdoors, then plenty of parks, natural waterways, wildlife reserves and recreational opportunities await. From the vast green spaces of Tishomingo State Park to the abundant wildlife of Gulf Islands National Seashore, nature enthusiasts have a large selection of locations to explore and encounter the incredible biodiversity of our state. Here, you can hike or bike along the woodland trails of the Appalachian foothills and enjoy a guided boating adventure along the mighty Mississippi River. Sport and recreational fishing are available on the many lakes and rivers found throughout the state, or you can enjoy a deep-sea fishing excursion in the Gulf of Mexico.

After a long day outdoors, immerse yourself in true Southern hospitality at one of our many restaurants, diners or roadside eateries. Mississippi cuisine is a celebration of the unique bounty our state has to offer. From fresh produce and locally sourced catfish to shrimp, crab and oysters harvested from the Gulf of Mexico, there's a world-class meal waiting for you on every corner.

While you're here, we also invite you to experience our history at one of the many museums and notable landmarks that provide insight into our rich past. At the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, the past comes to life through detailed exhibits and interactive experiences. We also encourage you to explore Mississippi's vast contributions to American culture at places like the Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale and the Arts and Entertainment Experience in Meridian, both of which tell the stories of our state's legacy in the arts.

As Mississippians, we are proud to live in the "Birthplace of the Blues" and of the iconic musicians that called Mississippi home through the years. From Tupelo's own "King of Rock 'n' Roll," Elvis Presley, to Indianola's blues legend, B.B. King, you can walk in their footsteps and visit the places that helped shape their sound. Take a trip to Cleveland and see the full scope of our musical legacy at the GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi, and then wander the extensive network of markers that make up the Mississippi Blues Trail and Country Music Trail to share in the stories of the legendary Mississippians who heavily influenced all genres of music – past and present.

However you choose to spend your adventure in our great state, the experiences you have and the memories you make will last a lifetime.

Again, on behalf of all Mississippians, welcome. We're glad you're here!

Sincerely,

Governor Tate Reeves



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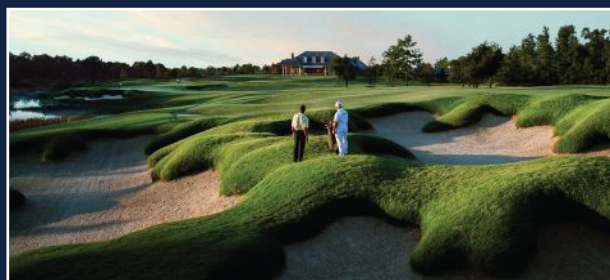
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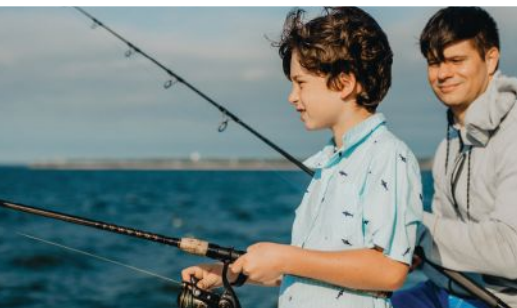


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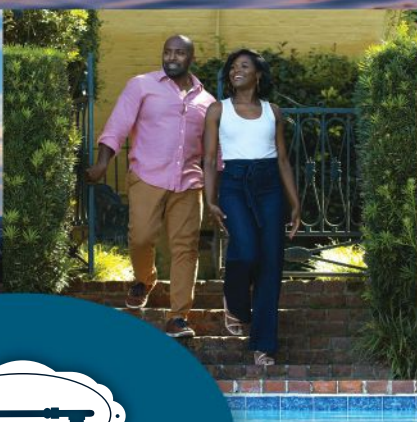
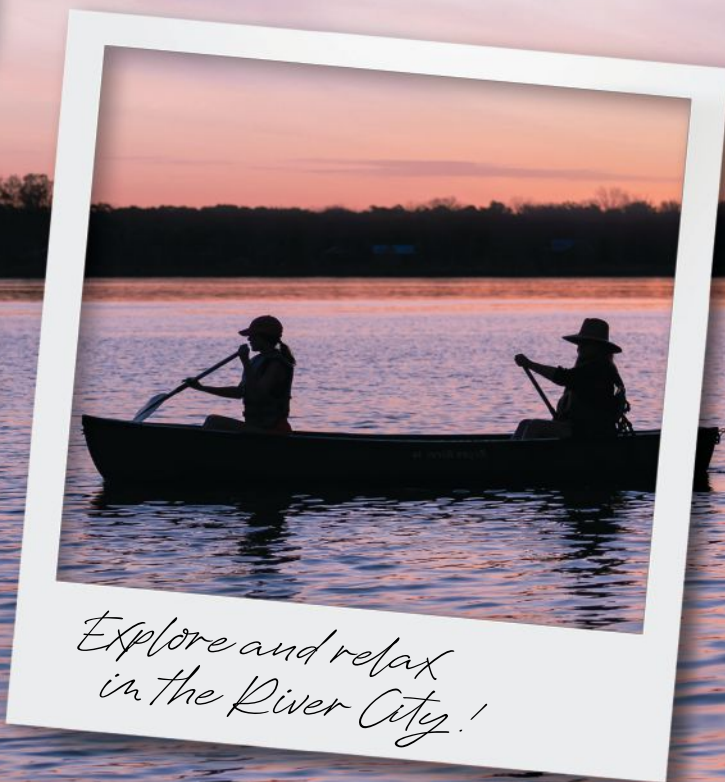
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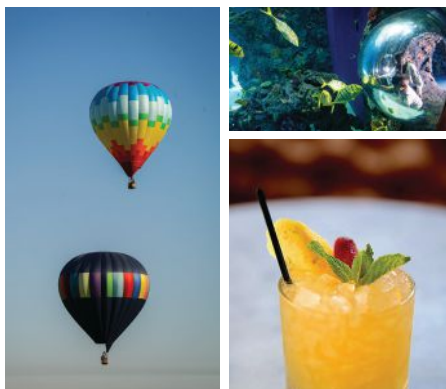
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Mississippi is filled with a wide array of outdoor adventures welcoming visitors to wander, and The Swinging Bridge at Tishomingo State Park, pictured on this year's cover, is no exception. The mystical bridge transports you into a natural paradise filled with surprises around every corner. Wander over to page 10 to read more about it and other outdoor adventures that await.

Tishomingo Swinging Bridge pictured by Ron Blaylock

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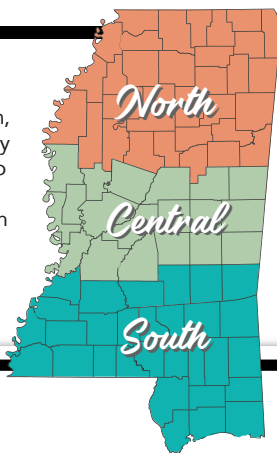
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We've split the state into three geographic regions—North, Central and South—each denoted throughout the guide by color. Each region is unique and offers a variety of things to see and do. From world-class resorts and state-of-the-art museums to local treasures, hidden gems and everything in between, Mississippi has something for everyone.



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THE OUTDOORS IN MISSISSIPPI ARE FULL OF THE UNEXPECTED.

No one will mistake the Delta for the mountains, but you may be surprised to see signs marking bear crossings across our vast flatlands just the same. And you wouldn't think crystal-clear, spring-fed waterfalls are common just a stone's throw from the muddy Mississippi River, but Clark Creek Natural Area has dozens of them.

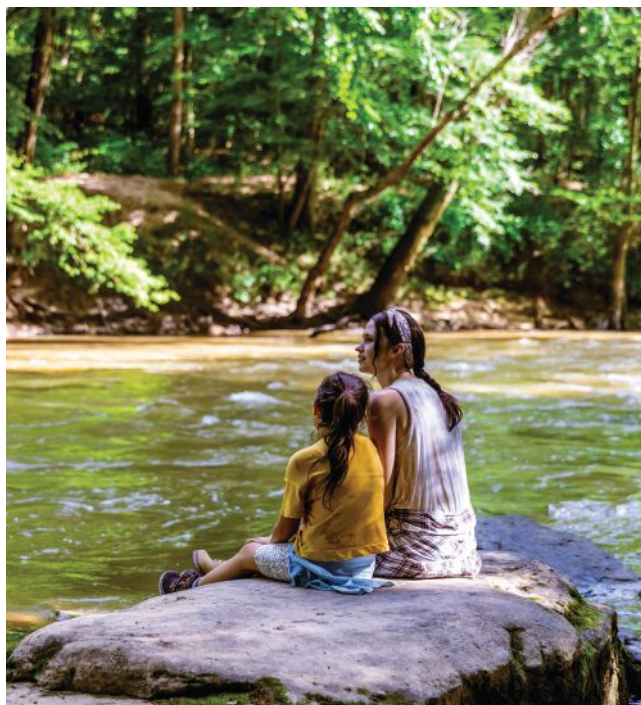
TISHOMINGO STATE PARK, a captivating sliver of Appalachia in our forested northwestern corner, tops the short list of surprises you'll find exploring Mississippi.

Entering Tishomingo from the Natchez Trace Parkway is like arriving back in a time when Native Americans and early European settlers used the famed path for travel and trade. Limestone and sandstone boulders of various sizes and shapes, many draped in colorful lichens and mosses, peek through the ground cover. Rocks form a hillside rim over Bear Creek, where archaeological finds have uncovered indigenous settlements dating to 9,000 years ago.

The park's iconic **SWINGING BRIDGE**, pictured on this year's cover, was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. This mystical bridge leads to more than three miles of wonders along the **OUTCROPPINGS TRAIL**, where you'll find dramatic rock walls, overhangs and waterfalls leading back to **BEAR CREEK**.

Heading south, you'll travel over the Black Prairie, which gets its name from the region's rich soil, and venture into the rolling hills and tall canopy of the Piney Woods. As you descend to the Coastal Plain, the air will begin to feel a little salty, and you'll start to see patches of sand along the roadsides. Then, beyond expanses of reedy marshes and the shade of centuries-old oaks, the refreshing breezes of the Gulf of Mexico await.

In Mississippi, our landscapes reward the curious. And wanderers are always welcome.





OUTDOOR HIDDEN GEMS

If you want to explore off the grid in Mississippi, look beyond the obvious and get to know the state's secret charms.

NORTH

MOON LAKE, a 2,300-acre oxbow lake 15 miles north of Clarksdale, has captivated generations of visitors. Playwright Tennessee Williams loved it so much he featured it in several of his works including "A Streetcar Named Desire." Access the lake's ample bass, crappie and catfish sportfishing by boat or the public pier, which has a covered pavilion for escaping the summer sun. Located just south of the historic riverside hamlet of Rosedale, Mississippi, **GREAT RIVER ROAD STATE PARK** gives visitors direct access to the banks of the Mississippi River. The park, which plans to reopen in spring 2023, also contains an oxbow lake with a boat ramp, hiking and more.

CENTRAL

In present-day Flora, ancient tree trunks and limbs deposited by flood waters and then buried by windblown loess soil hardened into stone through a process that began 36 million years ago. After thousands of years of erosion, these petrified logs now rest above ground at the **MISSISSIPPI PETRIFIED FOREST**. **SKY LAKE** near Belzoni is home to an old-growth forest of giant bald cypress trees, some more than a thousand years old. Take the boardwalk and let the interpretive signs help you identify the flora and fauna that call this oxbow home, or bring a canoe or kayak to navigate through the trees on a 2.6-mile paddling trail.

SOUTH

Twelve miles offshore from Biloxi, **SHIP ISLAND** is the most visited of Mississippi's four barrier islands. Travel by ferry or private boat to enjoy the Gulfside beach or tour **FORT MASSACHUSETTS**, which was used as a staging location for the Union's campaign against New Orleans during the Civil War in 1862. Erosion of the bluffs 200 feet above the Pearl River in Marion County has exposed layers of red clay, sand and other sediments at **RED BLUFF**. Although the site is on private property, the colorful formation is viewable from what's left of the existing roadbed. There are two sides of **CLARK CREEK NATURAL AREA** near Woodville—the wide main trail, which leads to several waterfalls, and the primitive trail, where you'll have to work a little harder for those rewards. Set aside 2.5 hours to hike both and make a loop, and keep your eyes and ears open for more than 50 waterfalls—some as high as 30 feet.

CANOEING & KAYAKING

When you share your name with one of the world's great rivers, finding your way around the water is second nature.

NORTH

River guide John Ruskey leads canoeing expeditions down the **MISSISSIPPI RIVER** at **QUAPAW CANOE COMPANY** in Clarksdale. They book day trips, overnight and multi-night adventures so you can paddle by day and camp on sandbars and islands under the stars at night. In the Appalachian foothills, sandstone bluffs overlook rocky **BEAR CREEK** in Tishomingo State Park. Visitors can float a six-mile trip with class I rapids in a canoe, then hike through the rock outcroppings and take a walk across its signature swinging bridge.

CENTRAL

One of the state's largest lakes, **BARNETT RESERVOIR**, covers 33,000 acres in the Jackson metro with some of the best recreational freshwater in the state. "The Rez," as it's known locally, is a prime spot for watersports, fishing and relaxing, with plenty of backwater to explore in canoes or kayaks. Tent and RV campers can stay right on the water at Timberlake and Goshen Springs campgrounds. The **CHUNKY RIVER** is part of the Pascagoula River watershed, the largest undammed river by volume in the lower 48 states. Canoe and kayak rentals are available to explore the river between Chunky and Enterprise, where it joins the Chickasawhay River. **DUNN'S FALLS PARK**, which has a water wheel and waterfall, makes a great stop along the way.

SOUTH

Think you can make it through the **OKATOMA RIVER**'s class I rapids and chutes without tipping your canoe? It's harder than you might think—but once you're through, you can pull over and watch other paddlers scramble over the small ledge. Along with camaraderie you'll find several rope swings, sand beaches and even some sandstone outcroppings along the river near Seminary. Like many other coastal creeks in the Gulf region, **BLACK CREEK** gets its name and color from tannins in the water, making a stark contrast with its chalk-white sandbars. Primitive hiking trails follow the creek, a designated National Wild and Scenic River, and camping is allowed along the waterway. If you're looking for a backwoods float trip, Black Creek is for you.



HIKING & BIKING

Bicycling the **NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY** through Mississippi, either by section or in one 309-mile trek from Natchez to the Alabama state line, grants an experience you can't get anywhere else. Plus, there are several bicycle-only campgrounds along the way where you can rest up for the ride ahead.

NORTH

The **TANGLEFOOT TRAIL**, a rails-to-trails initiative, runs for 43 miles through the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area and into the heart of communities like New Albany, Pontotoc and Houston, where you can find boutiques, antique shops and eateries. Single- and double-track trails wind for 32 miles through the **NOXUBEE HILLS TRAILS**, located five miles south of Ackerman. Bikers and hikers share the trails as they meander up ridges and switchbacks and along old gravel roads.

CENTRAL

Named for the Choctaw settlement that stood in present-day Jackson, the **CHISHA FOKA MULTI-USE TRAIL** is a paved 10 mile pathway through former Choctaw lands near Ridgeland. At the northern end, the trail leads to Reservoir Overlook, a high point with panoramic views of the Barnett Reservoir. While you're in the neighborhood, check out the **BARNETT RESERVOIR BOTANICAL GARDEN TRAIL** just across the lake's spillway in Brandon. At just over half a mile in length, this paved walking trail is manageable for young and old alike.

SOUTH

The **LONGLEAF TRACE** connects Piney Woods communities like Bassfield and Sumrall before hitting Hattiesburg. For more than two decades, bikers and hikers have used this former railroad pathway to explore the backwoods of the region. Along the **PASCAGOULA HISTORIC BIKE TRAIL**, you can cruise by points of interest like the LaPointe-Krebs House, the oldest structure standing in the Mississippi Valley, as well as the Round Island lighthouse. Just a couple blocks from the beach, you'll see the house where Jimmy Buffett spent his earliest days.



Natchez Trace Parkway



ECOTOURISM & BIRDING

As one of the most rural states in the U.S., Mississippi is a resource-rich haven for birds of all feathers and a refuge for naturalists.

NORTH

At the **STRAWBERRY PLAINS AUDUBON CENTER** in Holly Springs, 15 miles of hiking trails lead visitors through native forest, wetlands and grasslands. The Strawberry Plains Hummingbird Migration and Nature Celebration, Audubon's largest outdoor festival, toasts the arrival of migrating birds every September on the weekend following Labor Day.

CENTRAL

The **FLOWOOD NATURE TRAIL PARK** is a serene outdoor escape located within the city of Flowood. Here you'll find 40 picturesque acres filled with native Mississippi trees and plants. A one-mile paved walking trail goes around the park's lake and lush hardwood forests and features distance markers as well as markers for native plant species.

SOUTH

Along waterways in our six southernmost counties, the **MISSISSIPPI COASTAL BIRDING TRAIL** will lead you to 40 sites known by local birders as historically prime birding locations to discover varieties of herons, egrets, rails, gallinules and the endangered least tern. Established in 1975 on nearly 20,000 acres near Ocean Springs, the **MISSISSIPPI SANDHILL CRANE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** protects its namesake non-migratory bird and its coastal wetland and pine savannah habitats. From just a few dozen remaining birds, the crane's population has grown to more than 130 known birds today. Spend a couple of hours in the lower Pascagoula River marshes and swamps learning about the biodiversity and legends of the wild "Singing River" with **ECO-TOURS OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI** in Gautier. The outfitter also organizes paddling and birding trips to Deer Island and can build a custom tour for your group.



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FISHING

Anglers from all over dream of having the abundant freshwater and saltwater fishing habitats available in Mississippi in their portfolio. Here's where to drop a line on your next trip.

NORTH

If chasing trophy crappie is on your wishlist, then make sure **GRENADA LAKE** is on there, too. Several local guiding services are available to lead you to monster crappie fishing off the inlets and points in this 54-square-mile reservoir. But thankfully Grenada Lake isn't alone. Three additional reservoirs—**ARKABUTLA LAKE**, **ENID LAKE** and **SARDIS LAKE**, the largest in the state—are all crappie hot spots and no more than 20 miles separate each one from its nearest neighbor. With so much fishing in a small area you're almost guaranteed to have a honey hole all to yourself. **PICKWICK LAKE**, which borders Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, boasts some of the best smallmouth bass fishing in the South. Use **J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK** near Iuka as your berth for exploring the world-class fishery.

CENTRAL

Our state lakes are brimming with bream and its popular cousins, crappie and bass, and **BARNETT RESERVOIR** in the Jackson area is a popular spot to launch your boat in search of these feisty fish. Don't be surprised if you hit our generous limits before the fun runs out. Hit the deep water at **EAGLE LAKE** near Vicksburg to score crappie and catfish, or stay near the shoreline of this oxbow to make a run after largemouth bass and bream. Ten miles south of Greenville, the slightly smaller, 3,000-acre oxbow **LAKE WASHINGTON** gives Delta anglers a show at the same prized species of fish.

SOUTH

Along coastal Mississippi, the locals cruise oyster beds, man-made reefs and island passes for speckled trout, white trout and redfish. With 75 miles of Gulf-front coastline—not counting many more miles of serpentine bayous and open bays—there are ample opportunities to land an unforgettable catch. Point your boat offshore or enlist a deep-sea charter service to cast for larger, speedier fish that troll the deeper waters of the **GULF OF MEXICO**. Prized catches here include red snapper, mackerel, tripletail, wahoo, lemon fish (cobia) and several varieties of sharks.

HUNTING

Hunting is often a family affair in Mississippi—it's not surprising to see the sport bring together generations of kinfolk and friends. Here's how to answer the call of the wild in the Magnolia State.

Deer are plentiful throughout the state's 82 counties, but the rural Southwestern part of the state is especially known for producing monster bucks. The two most recent state records were harvested here, including a 184-inch buck in **ADAMS COUNTY** near Natchez and a 205-inch-er in **CLAIBORNE COUNTY** near Port Gibson.

The **MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY**, a continent-spanning bird migration route, sends thousands of mallards, teals and wood ducks straight to lakes in the Delta every fall, where hunters line up for a chance to harvest them. Turkey hunting is just as attractive, though. It's estimated that nearly a quarter-million turkeys roost in Mississippi, filling the forests in fall and spring with yelping, clucking and gobbling. If you're into bagging smaller game, Mississippi supports ample populations of rabbits, squirrels, quail and more, as well as more exotic harvests like alligator and wild hog. More than 50 state-maintained wildlife management areas offer opportunities that rival private hunting lands. The current record deer, for example, was harvested at **CANEMOUNT WMA**.

Find a full list of our WMAs on page 96.





CAMPING

Spending a night in the great outdoors can be as primitive or as modern as your tastes. Tent and RV camping sites are plentiful, and now even more indulgent glamping experiences are available at our state parks (read about them in the Unique Lodging feature on page 62).

NORTH

In the Appalachian foothills near Iuka, campers at **J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK** can wake to the sun cresting over the hills to the east over Pickwick Lake from one of 69 RV sites and nine primitive tent sites. **LAKE LOWNDES STATE PARK** in Columbus is a relaxing spot for a weekend getaway or if you're looking for a remote stay near athletic events and entertainment at Mississippi State University. This park accommodates both RV and tent camping.

CENTRAL

TIMBERLAKE CAMPGROUND in Brandon sits right on the shore of the Barnett Reservoir and offers an oasis with expansive water views and endless recreational activities—all minutes from town.

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Biloxi's **MAJESTIC OAKS RV RESORT** is shaded by century-old live oaks and stacked with amenities that make this more than a typical RV park—like complimentary casino shuttle service, a relaxing clubhouse and social events for guests, including Saturday cookouts. **LITTLE BLACK CREEK CAMPGROUND AND PARK** in Lumberton is centered on a 640-acre lake, where guests can join weekly fishing tournaments, swim and rent kayaks, canoes and jon boats. Guests can also play the park's 18-hole disc golf course.

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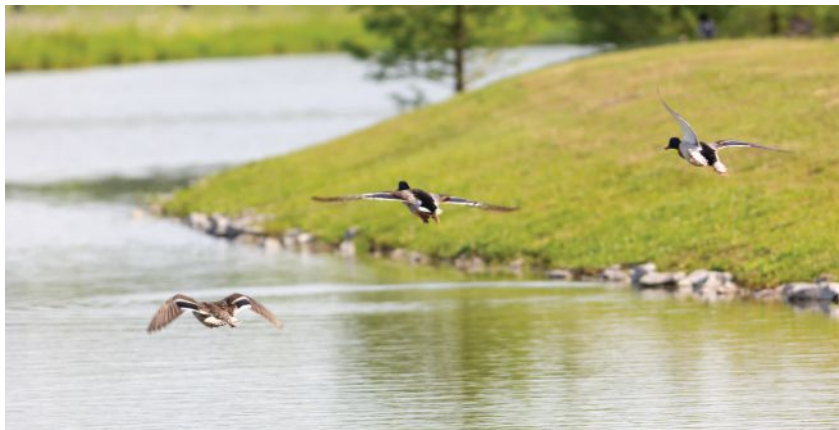
Webb's **TALLAHATCHIE HUNTS** sits near the confluence of the Tallahatchie, Coldwater and Yocona Rivers, providing teeming populations of waterfowl, as well as deer and quail. **DELTA DUCK HUNTS** meets clients at the fabled Blue and White Restaurant in Tunica before taking hunters into the countryside for an opportunity to bag ducks and geese in the middle of the Mississippi Flyway.

CENTRAL

ESPERANZA OUTDOORS is headquartered at **LINDEN PLANTATION** in Glen Allen, on the shores of Lake Washington. Enjoy wing hunting, pursuing hogs through river bottoms and the gourmet meals offered in the main house. **BLACK CREEK OUTFITTERS** near Lexington offers 1,200 acres of private land, with pine stands, hardwood bottoms and waterfront sites for a varied experience. Thirty minutes northwest of Vicksburg, **TARA WILDLIFE**'s 9,000 acres of managed lakes and forest offer abundant hunting, along with birding, wildlife watching and nature trails.

SOUTH

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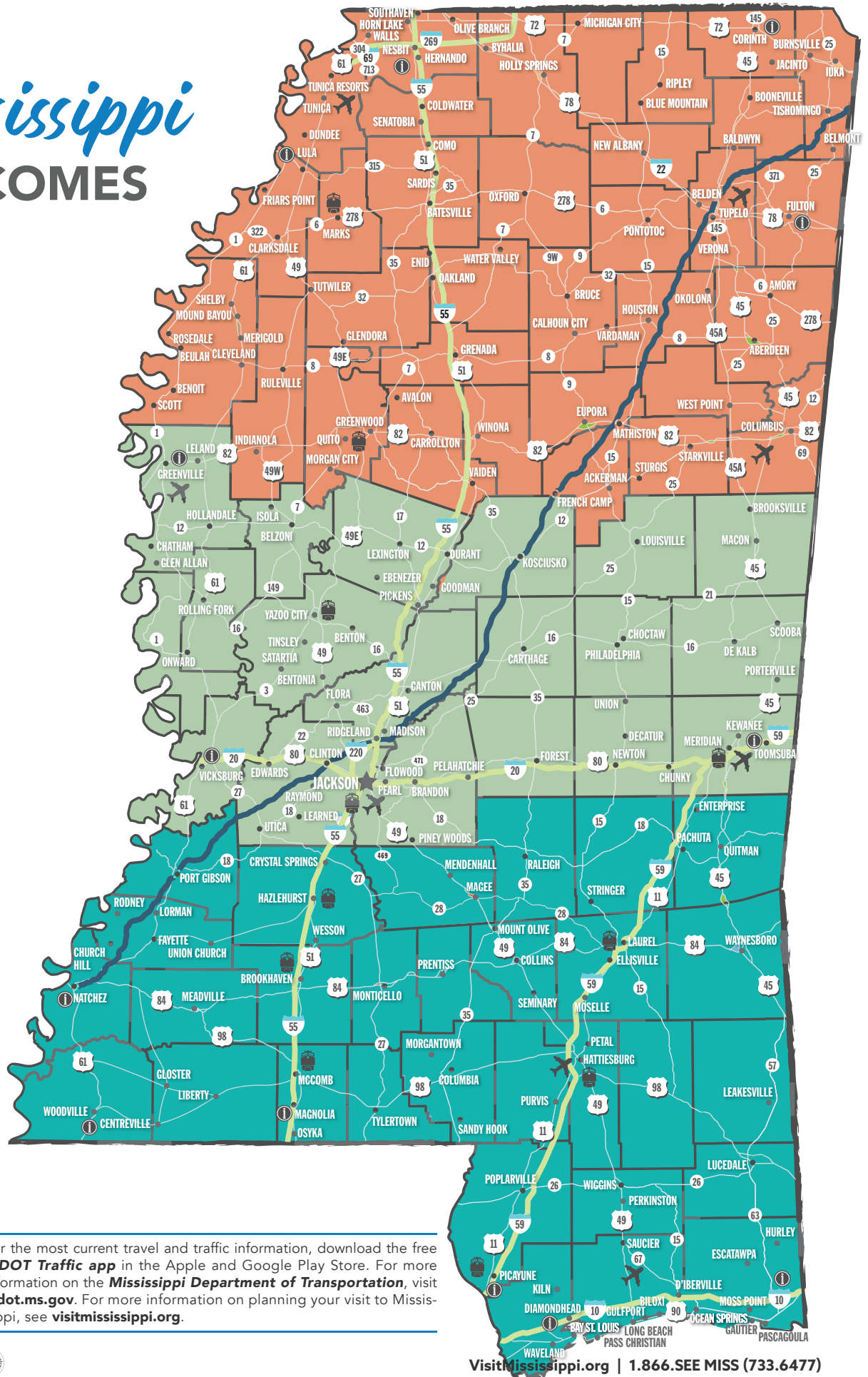
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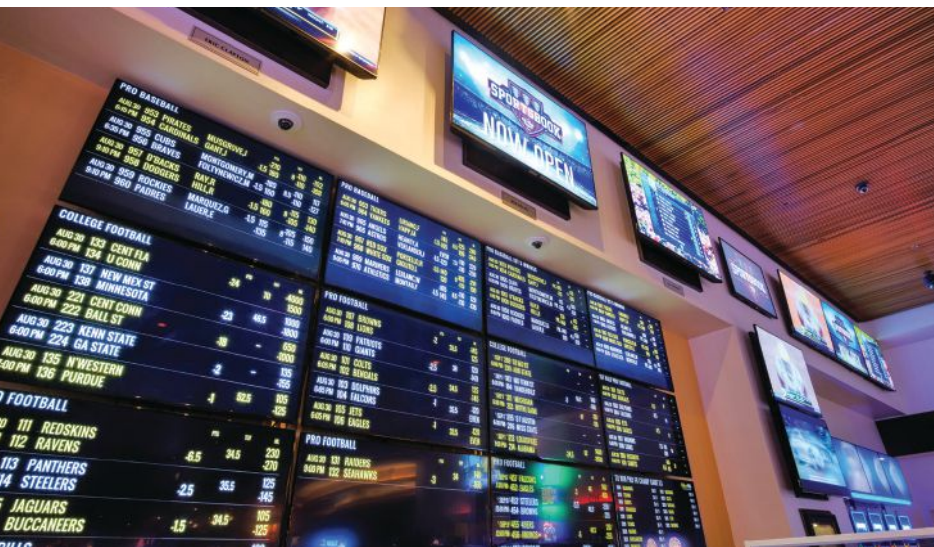
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SOUTH

The **PRESERVE GOLF COURSE** at Palace Casino Resort presents a 245-acre course surrounded by 1,800 acres of nature preserves, with aspects of the natural landscape integrated into the course itself. Tucked into the DeSoto National Forest, **GRAND BEAR GOLF CLUB**, part of Harrah's Gulf Coast, was designed by champion Jack Nicklaus. Island View Casino Resort's **WINDANCE COUNTRY CLUB** gives golfers a pool and clubhouse bar and grill in addition to over 6,600 yards of beautifully situated golf. Exclusively for Beau Rivage guests, **FALLEN OAK GOLF COURSE** both charms and challenges golfers with 510 acres designed by famed course architect Tom Fazio. Almost hidden among the cattails around Bay St. Louis, **THE BRIDGES GOLF CLUB**, part of Hollywood Casino, was placed among the top ten courses in Mississippi by *Golf Digest*.

ENTERTAINMENT

NORTH

Casinos are known for bringing in the big musical acts, and Horseshoe Casino's **BLUESVILLE** in Tunica sets the bar high. Big-name performers including Chicago, Gary Allan, Jamey Johnson, Blues Traveler and countless others have taken the stage here.

CENTRAL

High-octane acts like hair-metal megastars Poison light up the stage at **SILVER STAR CONVENTION CENTER** at Choctaw's Pearl River Resort. **WATERVIEW CASINO** hosts acts like young blues sensation Christone "Kingfish" Ingram and local Southern Rock favorites The Chill. **THE BOTTLENECK BLUES BAR** at Ameristar Vicksburg seats 300—just the perfect midsize venue for high-energy performances that won't leave you lost in the crowd.

SOUTH

Beau Rivage's cocktail spot **EIGHT75** offers live music Wednesday through Saturday nights—perfect for a drink before or after a headline act at the theater, where past acts have included Lyle Lovett, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and Nelly. The **COAST COLISEUM**, centrally located among the casinos on Mississippi's Gulf Coast, welcomes acts like Alabama and Lynyrd Skynyrd, along with classic car expos, big-name trade shows and other events throughout the year. Grand Funk Railroad, Cheap Trick and the Purple Reign Prince Tribute Show are just a few of the big-ticket acts that have recently lit up the stage at **HARD ROCK LIVE BILOXI**.



R&R

Take some time to wind down from all of the excitement at an on-site spa or lounge by the pool.

NORTH

The **SPA AT HORSESHOE** in Tunica offers a full menu of massage and beauty treatments, with opportunities for bachelorette, bridal or just-because group spa events. Next door the **SPA AT GOLD STRIKE** encourages relaxation with a number of enhancements to add to massage treatments, including exfoliation and hot stones.

CENTRAL

The **SPA & SALON AT PEARL RIVER RESORT** offers massage, aromatherapy and a suite of exotic body treatments in addition to a full salon to get you looking and feeling your best.

SOUTH

The Mississippi coast is lined with world-class casinos, and you'll find that their spas are top-tier as well. The pool at **BEAU RIVAGE** in Biloxi is optimized for lounging and taking it easy; refresh yourself with poolside service of drinks and light meals from the attached café. The casino is also home to a spa and salon offering a full menu of services to pamper you from head to toe. At **BELLISSIMO SPA & SALON** at Harrah's Gulf Coast in Biloxi, you can luxuriate in a massage and choose from a wide menu of facials and microdermabrasion treatments. The heated pool and attached hot tub at Harrah's Gulf Coast are open all year, with fountains and cabanas for those cool and cozy moments, and an outdoor bar. Tropical oil scalp massage, coconut milk baths and other ultra-relaxing options fill out a tempting menu of services at **SENSES SPA AT IP CASINO**. **BLUE SHELL SPA** at Island View Casino Resort in Gulfport offers Himalayan salt or seaweed detox wraps, massage, facials and waxing to help you look great as you let your stress melt away. **GOLDEN NUGGET™** Biloxi is home to an award-winning ultra-posh **H2O POOL + BAR**. Rent a private cabana or daybed for the ultimate day of luxurious relaxation.



FAMILY FUN

A casino getaway doesn't have to mean an adults-only stay. Some properties have all-ages fun onsite and others are just short hops from attractions that hit the jackpot for the whole family.

NORTH

TUNICA RIVERPARK & MUSEUM explores all aspects of life and history along this stretch of the Mississippi River, exploring wildlife, Black history and Native American mounds—while offering a 48-foot observation deck to watch the river roll by.

CENTRAL

Spread across 23 acres (and holding nearly two million gallons of water), **GEYSER FALLS WATER THEME PARK** and its 12 water slides will make a splash with the kids. Muppeteer Jim Henson was born in Greenville, and his famous creation Kermit the Frog™ spent his tadpole years nearby, a history celebrated at the **BIRTHPLACE OF THE FROG** in Leland.

SOUTH

You'll do everything but waste away at **MARGARITAVILLE BILOXI**, with a 55,000-foot family arcade and activity center, plentiful bar and restaurant options, and a 450-foot lazy river connected to the pool. Converted from a former military installation, the 48-acre resort complex at **CENTENNIAL PLAZA** in Gulfport has dining and drinking options, a full waterpark with swim-up bar and waterslides, and two hotel options, all steps from the beach and centrally located among coastal attractions.



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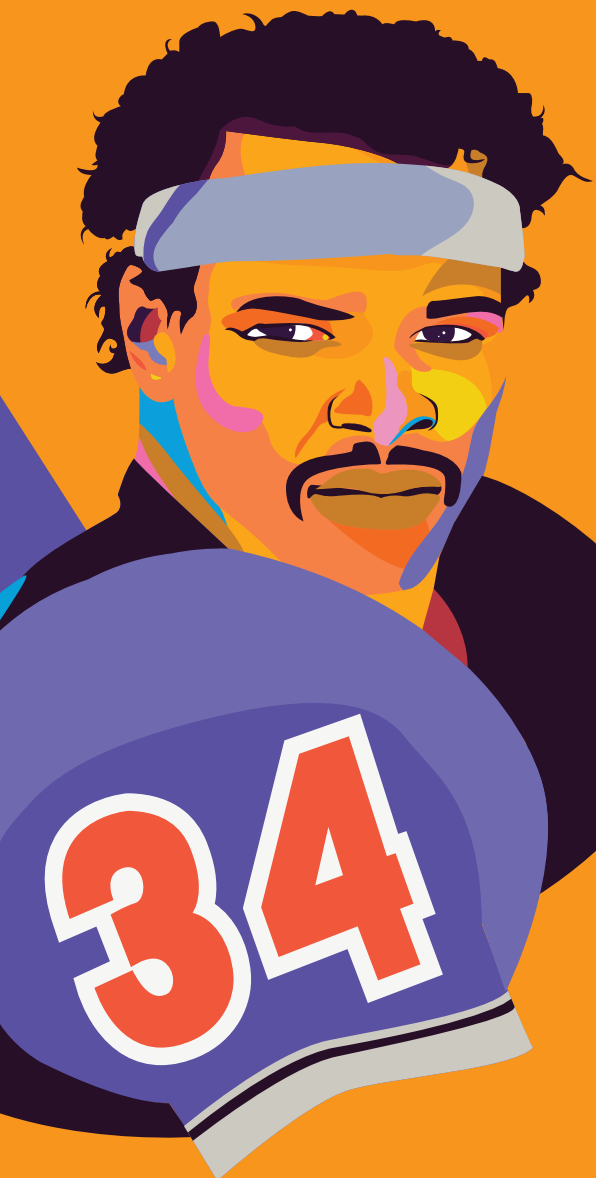


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Literary icons will convene (or reconvene) in Jackson in 2023. First, the Mississippi Book Festival in August hosts thousands of visitors and hundreds of authors, including JXN Icon, Angie Thomas. Then, the 50th Anniversary of the Phyllis Wheatley Poetry Festival originally hosted by JXN Icon, Margaret Walker, will take place on the campus of Jackson State University in November with several of the original authors attending.

Looking for the ultimate HBCU experience? Catch Coach Deion "Prime Time" Sanders and the Jackson State University Tigers for a home game at The Vet, home of JXN Icon, Walter Payton!

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Mississippi's Food

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TAMALES

The famous simmered and steamed tamales of the Mississippi Delta are smaller and spicier than their Mexican cousins. Stock up on napkins for this unexpected Southern delicacy.

NORTH

Adjacent to the famous Blues Crossroads, **ABE'S BBQ** in Clarksdale offers Delta tamales and genuine pit barbecue. **DILWORTH'S TAMALES** in Corinth serves up both hot and mild tamales and features a drive-thru—if you think you can make it home before digging in.

CENTRAL

DOE'S EAT PLACE in Greenville began as a honky-tonk that served meals. The food, including Delta tamales, was so good that the eating outshined the drinking and dancing. **TONY'S TAMALES** in Ridgeland offers hot, mild, turkey and black bean tamales; they're so good that they're also served at other restaurants throughout Mississippi.

SOUTH

Natchez's **FAT MAMA'S** supplements its tamales with po-boys and a full Tex-Mex menu, complete with spicy "Fire and Ice" pickles and a "Knock-You-Naked" margarita. **DORIS' HOT TAMALES** are such a local favorite, the city of D'Iberville named the street the restaurant sits on after founder Doris Deno.



Fat Mama's



Doe's Eat Place



Full Stop Burger

BURGERS & SLUGBURGERS

Hamburgers are one of the mainstays of American cuisine and the quintessential roadside meal. One of Mississippi's local variations, the slugburger, was born of Depression-era ingenuity, when chefs incorporated soy grits and sometimes pork to extend the beef. They originally cost a nickel—nicknamed a "slug."

NORTH

HEY JOE'S, with locations in Cleveland and Merigold, offers a range of burgers. Established shortly after the Civil War, **BORROUM'S DRUG STORE** is the oldest business in Corinth and the oldest drugstore in the state. It dishes up slugburgers, shakes and more at an old-fashioned soda counter. Elvis Presley used to eat at **JOHNNIE'S DRIVE INN** in Tupelo. Make like the "King" and order a doughburger—the local spin on the slugburger, enriched with flour in the meat.

CENTRAL

BRENT'S DRUGS in Jackson has been in same spot since 1946 and serves up the same classic Americana fare. Flora's **BLUE ROOSTER** offers stacked-tall burgers with sassy monikers like the jalapeno-forward "Flame Thrower" and the everything-but-the-kitchen-sink "Big Nasty." **FULL STOP BURGER** in Ridgeland serves up tried-and-true burgers (including an Impossible Burger), custard and more in a modern yet nostalgic setting that is as photo worthy as their tasty offerings.

SOUTH

The offerings at **ED'S BURGER JOINT** in Hattiesburg are billed as "the juiciest around," ranging from the classic burger to the stacked-high "Heavy Eddie" and everything in between. **R HOUSE** in Columbia has won the Mississippi Beef Council's Best Burger award two years in a row—come for the award-winning burgers, stay to browse the attached country store.

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FROM THE WATER

Crisscrossed with rivers and with access to the Gulf, Mississippi's got plenty of fresh Gulf seafood, delectable catfish and spicy crawfish to tempt chefs and thrill diners.

NORTH

THE CROWN RESTAURANT in Indianola offers fresh catfish in creative ways—in crab-style cakes sweetened with peach salsa, tucked into a sandwich with Jezebel sauce—as well as the classics. **CRAWDAD'S** in Merigold offers all the fried, broiled or boiled seafood you could want, including the namesake crawdads in season. Formally known as crawfish, these small lobster-like crustaceans are native to the swampy areas of the South. They're either served boiled and whole to crack open and eat or the tail meat is extracted to dress up pastas, sauces or anything else that needs a seafood zing. **TAYLOR GROCERY** in Taylor has the striking slogan "Eat or We Both Starve"—with choices like fried oysters, blackened catfish and whole fried catfish, it's easy to oblige.

CENTRAL

At **RUSTY'S RIVER FRONT GRILL** in Vicksburg, "Rusty's House Specialty," the blackened catfish in a crawfish cream sauce, joins grouper and soft-shell crab on a tempting menu. Trout, flounder and redfish crown the extensive and tempting menu at **THE MAYFLOWER CAFÉ** in Jackson, a local favorite since 1935. **COCK OF THE WALK**, with locations in Ridgeland and Pochahontas, presents riverboat-themed casual dining with a menu centered on award-winning fried catfish.

SOUTH

The **THORNY OYSTER** in Bay St. Louis offers a creative and modern take on fresh local fare. Here you'll find seafood dishes as beautiful as they are delicious and unique. **MARY MAHONEY'S** in Biloxi, a local favorite for decades, is located in a historic house with a grand live oak shading the courtyard. Crab imperial, stuffed flounder and many more glamorous seafood dishes anchor the menu. Biloxi's **TARANTO'S CRAWFISH** will give you heaps of juicy red crawfish when in season; weekly seafood specials keep diners coming back. Reservations are required at the **JOURDAN RIVER STEAMER** in Kiln—it's worth the planning to sample deluxe nautically themed platters, optionally "kadoastered" by adding crabmeat and shrimp over seafood stuffing.



STEAKHOUSES

NORTH

THE GOLDEN HORN, a cozy rustic spot in Columbus, offers everything you want from a steakhouse, especially custom-cut steaks grilled to perfection. Starkville's upscale **44 PRIME** is a perfect special occasion spot, rounding out an already sumptuous steakhouse menu with elegant seafood starters, whiskey flights and dessert cocktails.

CENTRAL

TICO'S STEAK HOUSE in Ridgeland adds shish-kabob, rock lobster, and veal and lamb chops to its roster of steak offerings, all served in a cozy atmosphere that has charmed local diners since 1989. **H.D. GIBBES & SONS** in Learned started as a general store; several generations of Gibbeses later, it still sells essentials but now with top-notch steak and seafood served in the back—complete with live music. **TWO RIVERS** in Canton was dubbed "Best Steak in Mississippi" by the state cattlemen's association—you can judge the specialty fried oysters and green tomatoes Napoleon for yourself.

SOUTH

Ocean Springs' **CHARRED** offers oysters raw or cooked in one of five ways—a combo is available for the indecisive—along with a full range of steak options and more seafood treats from the Gulf. The menu of options for an old-fashioned cocktail at **RACK HOUSE** in Gulfport takes up a full page—just one of many delights this whiskey and steak palace offers.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS

The Southern cuisine for which Mississippi is famous emerged when African, European and Native American ingredients and techniques mixed. In recent generations, immigrants from all over the world have come to Mississippi bringing the flavors of their homelands to join local food traditions and making the state melting pot of culture and delectable worldly flavors.

NORTH

Southaven's **NARU** offers a wide range of Japanese fare, with a wide sampling of entrees, standard and novelty sushi rolls, hibachi and bento boxes. **RESTHAVEN** in Clarksdale looks like a traditional country café, but diners are in for a treat. In addition to the classics, the menu offers Lebanese dishes like kibbie, stuffed grape leaves and baklava.

CENTRAL

LILLO'S in Leland brings Italian cooking to the Delta with a menu full of favorites like manicotti, eggplant parmesan and lasagna, rounded out with pizza and seafood options. **SAKURA BANA**, a huge local favorite in Jackson, offers sushi and sashimi, Japanese noodles, rolls and entrees. **KEBAB & CURRY**, an Indian-Pakistani spot in Madison, offers a wide range of curry, kebab and tandoori meals.

SOUTH

LE BAKERY, a French-Vietnamese bakery in Biloxi, serves pastries, breads and banh mi, a southeast Asian take on the po-boy. Top it off with a bubble tea. **JUTAMUS THAI** restaurant in Hattiesburg has received accolades for its authentic Eastern dishes. House-made chicken salad, goat cheese torte and lovingly prepared soups du jour are only a few of the reasons Ocean Springs diners keep returning to the French-inspired **MAISON DE LU**.



Char



Big Bad Breakfast



Chimneys

BRUNCH

NORTH

BIG BAD BREAKFAST in Oxford lives up to its name: start the day off strong with banana-pecan coffee cake or oyster pot pie. **JOBOS**, pronounced Yo-bos, inside Hotel Tupelo, offers brunch Saturday and Sunday with menu highlights including a dolled-up avocado toast with lemon cream cheese, wilderness poutine and classic blueberry French toast.

CENTRAL

The menu at the **STRAWBERRY CAFÉ** in Madison has something for everyone, from the elegant eggs sardou with artichokes and hollandaise to the fill-me-up effectiveness of the "Train Wreck," with pot roast debris, grits, gravy and eggs. No-filler crab cakes, chicken and waffles, and fried green tomatoes pop out of the menu at **CHAR** in Jackson, where brunch is served with a side of live jazz on Sundays. The menu at Vicksburg's **ANCHUCA**, a historic mansion inn, changes regularly depending on how the local ingredients inspire Chef Eric Richards—look for specials alongside crowd-pleasers like filet mignon and panéed catfish.

SOUTH

Brunch at the **HARBOR VIEW CAFE** in Long Beach presents tough decisions, with a menu stacked with omelets, benedicts and sweet add-ons for pancakes and waffles. The big bay window of the dining room at the **CARRIAGE HOUSE** in Natchez frames the Stanton Hall historic house—take a tour of the house either before or after enjoying classic Southern food. The elegant and airy dining room at the **CHIMNEYS** in Gulfport is the perfect ambience to savor a seafood brunch—baked seafood eggplant and a variety of trout dishes command particular attention.

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CHEF DRIVEN

With a wealth of local food traditions and top-notch ingredients produced by its farms, waters and culinary artisans, it's no surprise that Mississippi has incubated a number of award-winning, chef-driven restaurants securing the state a place in the national food scene.

NORTH

Hometown boy Chef Cole Ellis returned to Cleveland to open **DELTA MEAT MARKET**, a butcher shop, restaurant, rooftop **BAR FONTAINE** and boutique grocer in the Cotton House Hotel. A James Beard Foundation Semifinalist, **SAINT LEO** offers fine, wood-fired Italian cooking in an ultra chic setting.

CENTRAL

You can get a taste of the culinary prowess of **NICK WALLACE**, a recent alum of Bravo's *Top Chef*, at **NISSAN CAFE** in Jackson's Two Mississippi Museums. **ELVIE'S** in Jackson, inspired by Chef Hunter Evans' memories of visiting his grandmother in her New Orleans kitchen, sources from local farms and fisheries to create a wide array of fresh local flavors and offers a tasting menu that changes weekly. Ridgeland's **CAET**, the latest from Chef Derek Emerson of **WALKER'S DRIVE IN**, **PARLOR MARKET** and **LOCAL 463** fame, offers an approachably upscale seafood-centric dining experience, complete with oyster bar.

SOUTH

VESTIGE in Ocean Springs, a project by 2022 James Beard semifinalist Alex Perry, focuses on an ever-rotating curated tasting menu with ingredients drawn from local producers. Classically-trained chef Austin Sumrall opened **WHITE PILLARS** in Biloxi to feature locally-produced ingredients, which star in dishes like oyster artichoke soup and rabbit confit pappardelle.



Delta Meat Market



Elvie's



Chicken on a Stick

HIDDEN GEMS

Mississippi is packed full of good food options—and some of the very best are hidden down back roads, behind unassuming exteriors or have set up shop in gas stations.

NORTH

THE 4 CORNERS CHEVRON'S chicken on a stick in Oxford looks like a simple Chevron station, but Ole Miss fans and travelers alike have learned to savor the famed fried chicken on a stick here. Chicken in its many forms is king at **DODGE'S STORE** in Olive Branch, but plenty of sides and desserts fill out the menu.

CENTRAL

Pull over at the **KEWANEE ONE STOP** in Toomsuba to feul with catfish, country fried steak sandwiches and po-boys. **FRATESI'S GROCERY & SERVICE STATION** in Leland offers Southern and Italian favorites with duck gumbo, muffulettas, fried olive poboys and homemade spaghetti keeping locals and travelers fed and happy.

SOUTH

CRAZY K'S truck stop in Buckatunna dishes up the hearty food that keeps Americans on the road—hamburger steak, fried seafood and filling sandwiches. From locations in Pascagoula, Moss Point, and Madison, **TAY'S BBQ** serves classic barbecue, jazzed up with options like smoked yellowfin dip and a savory pig sundae.

SWEET ENDINGS

NORTH

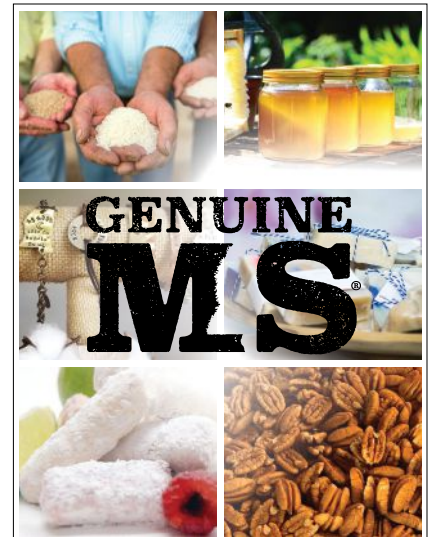
Hernando's **VELVET CREAM** is a burger joint with an expansive dessert menu of custard- style ice cream, slushes, snow cones and "concretes": hard-set ice cream with blended-in toppings. **SUGAREE'S** in New Albany offers nationwide delivery and curbside pickup of cakes, pies and more, including the Oprah-approved cream cheese pound cake.

CENTRAL

WEIDMANN'S in Meridian, open since 1870, has a full menu of favorites but brags in particular about its coveted desserts, including a world-famous black bottom pie and a wonderfully silky lemon almond pie. **LA BRIOCHE** in Jackson showcases the elegant macarons made by Argentinian-born, European-trained sisters Alejandra Mamud and Cristina Lazzari.

SOUTH

With locations in Gulfport, Ocean Springs and Bay St. Louis, **POP BROTHER'S** offers artisanal frozen pops in flavors ranging from traditional strawberry to adventurous lavender, milk and honey. The New Orleans-inspired **CRESCENT CITY GRILL** in Hattiesburg tops off a menu of Louisiana temptations with a luxurious white chocolate bread pudding.



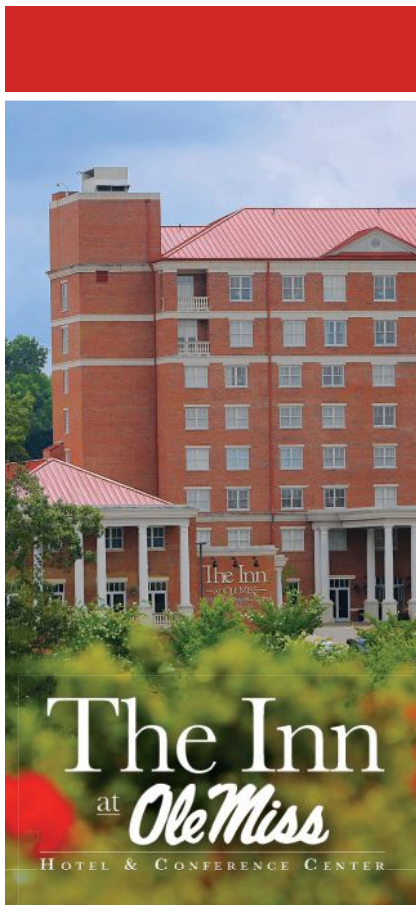
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LITERATURE

Even the short list of acclaimed writers from Mississippi stretches as long as one of Faulkner's passages, and the list continues to grow. These literary landmarks and many others are also part of the Mississippi Writers Trail (see page 55).

NORTH

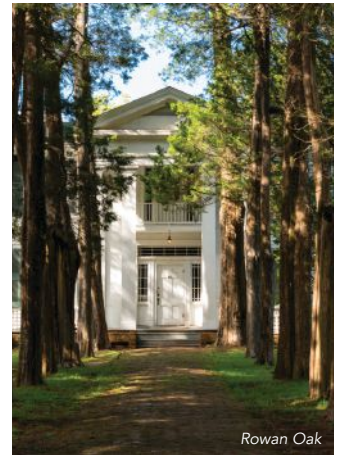
In 1930, William Faulkner bought **ROWAN OAK** in Oxford and began penning a run of acclaimed novels depicting Yoknapatawpha County, his fictional stand-in for Oxford. Later he sketched notes for his novel *A Fable* on walls at the home. Playwright Tennessee Williams was known as a colorful character. The **TENNESSEE WILLIAMS HOUSE MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER** in Columbus, a restored 1875 Victorian, was Williams' childhood home.

CENTRAL

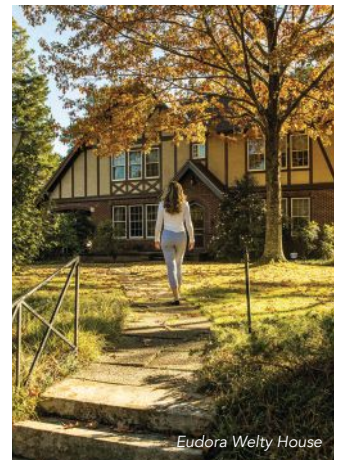
The **EUDORA WELTY HOUSE**, a 1925 Tudor home in Jackson's Belhaven neighborhood, is where this Pulitzer Prize winner wrote and entertained. In 2004, the home was declared a National Historical Landmark.

SOUTH

New York Times best-selling author Greg Iles calls Natchez home. Take a step inside his novels and visit sites mentioned in *The Quiet Game*, *Turning Angel* and *The Devil's Punchbowl* (among others) on **DOWNTOWN KARLA BROWN'S GREG ILES BOOK TOUR**, which has been endorsed by the author.



Rowan Oak



Eudora Welty House



Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum



Jimmie Rodgers Museum



B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center

MUSIC MUSEUMS & SITES

The American songbook took shape amid the struggles and jubilations of its people, and those expressions gave form to the popular music of today. While you're following the roots of American music along the Mississippi Blues Trail and Country Music Trail (start on page 55), these important stops along the journey will bring the musicians' stories to life.

NORTH

The Grammy Awards® are the pinnacle of achievement for musical artists, and Mississippi has produced more winners than any other state. The **GRAMMY MUSEUM® MISSISSIPPI** in Cleveland enshrines that legacy with exhibits on how modern music is made and how the roots of music branch out from here. Curated by the King of the Blues himself, the collection at the **B.B. KING MUSEUM AND DELTA INTERPRETIVE CENTER** in Indianola tells the story of his rise to fame. A recent expansion showcases a tour bus he rode for more than 12 million miles—enough for 25 round trips to the moon. Our fascination with Elvis Presley, "The King of Rock 'n' Roll," still burns strong. Tour his humble boyhood cottage, sit in the church that inspired him to sing and view artifacts from his legendary music career at the **ELVIS PRESLEY BIRTHPLACE & MUSEUM** in Tupelo.

CENTRAL

If the names Morgan Freeman, Jim Henson or Oprah Winfrey mean anything to you, make a point to visit **THE MAX** in Meridian, which celebrates the state's incredible star power through immersive experiences. Known as the "Father of Country Music," Jimmie Rodgers learned his trade on the railroad in Meridian while writing songs that became part of country music history. See his fully restored custom Martin guitar and other artifacts from his life on the rails at the **JIMMIE RODGERS MUSEUM** in Meridian.

SOUTH

On a spring evening in 1940, a fire broke out during a concert at the original **RHYTHM NIGHT CLUB**. It quickly consumed the building, and 209 revelers perished. Built on the same site in Natchez 70 years later, **THE RHYTHM NIGHT CLUB MEMORIAL MUSEUM** honors those who died that night. Before Leontyne Price studied at Julliard and broke the race barrier as the first African-American soprano to gain international acclaim, she grew up in Laurel. The **LEONTYNE PRICE MUSICAL PARK** pays tribute to the iconic opera singer.

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LIVE MUSIC VENUES

Recorded music soundtracks our daily lives, but to really feel the full spectrum of sounds and emotions, you've gotta experience it being created right in front of you. Luckily, we do that part well in Mississippi, too. These are just a few of our unique destinations to hear some live tunes.

NORTH

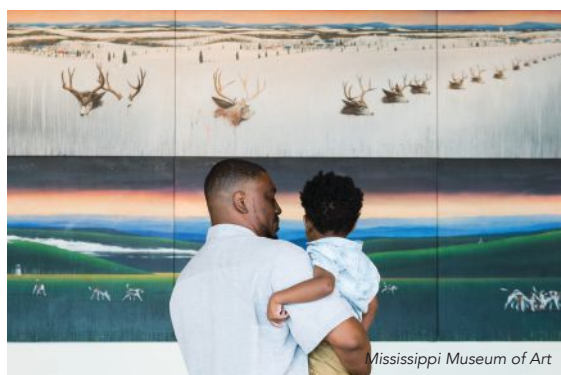
Once a livery stable owned by William Faulkner's family, **THE LYRIC** became the first movie theater in Oxford a century ago. Located just off the town's famous square, it's now a premier place to catch live music from top touring artists in an intimate setting. At the **BANKPLUS AMPHITHEATER AT SNOWDEN GROVE** in Southaven you can enjoy a concert in a cozy seat or spread out with a few thousand of your friends on the spacious lawn.

CENTRAL

The **BRANDON AMPHITHEATER** is the place to catch a live concert after a day kayaking on the Barnett Reservoir, watching a Mississippi Braves AA baseball game or shopping at nearby outlets. There's no star too big for **HAL & MALE'S** stage in Jackson. But it's much more than a music venue; it's also a local-color restaurant with deep roots and a haven for blues fans who visit for the weekly Blue Monday showcase. Broadway productions and marquee musicians have taken the **MSU RILEY CENTER** stage at Meridian's restored 1890s Grand Opera House. Thanks to its masterful acoustic design there isn't a bad seat in the house.

SOUTH

There's no better place to hear live music than from the enviable perch at Natchez Bluff—and it's best served while sipping a cold craft beer from **NATCHEZ BREWING COMPANY**, located a block away. Food, music and spirits is what you'll find at **GOVERNMENT STREET GROCERY** in Ocean Springs. Grab a seat on the patio to find live music almost every night of the week—and sometimes during the day. Hattiesburg's historic 1929 **SAENGER THEATER** continues to stand the test of time with live performances in the heart of downtown.



VISUAL ART MUSEUMS

Mississippi is known throughout the world for its music, but that isn't the only art you'll find on an adventure through the Magnolia State. Our architecture and visual art reveal the complexities of Mississippi life and the natural world that inspires us.

NORTH

The **GUMTREE MUSEUM OF ART** in Tupelo opens its doors to a variety of visual art exhibitions and workshops. This public gallery is located in an early 20th century Beaux Arts-style building in the heart of Tupelo's business and entertainment district. Among the holdings in the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM** collection in Oxford are Southern folk art works, Greek and Roman antiquities, 19th century scientific instruments and American fine art.

CENTRAL

The **MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART** in Jackson turned heads when it landed the largest American exhibition of art and artifacts from the Palace of Versailles, but that standard of excellence also informs its 5,800-piece permanent collection. The outdoor **ART GARDEN** is a verdant, acre-plus oasis in the heart of downtown Jackson.

SOUTH

Step back in time in Natchez at the **STRATTON CHAPEL PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM** to view a collection of vintage photographs from the oldest city on the Mississippi River. More than 500 photographs reveal the lives of early traders, the steamboats they rode and the grand estates they built atop the bluffs. Local artists like Ricardo Moody have covered Hattiesburg with inspiring and uplifting expressions of art on the **HATTIESBURG PUBLIC ART TRAIL**. More than 40 vibrant murals and sculptures around town tell the city's story. Walking into Laurel's **LAUREN ROGERS MUSEUM OF ART** is like stepping into another culture, whether you're surveying the collection of Japanese woodblock prints or viewing European paintings dating back to the 17th century. Naturalist Walter Anderson's most enduring works are on display at the **WALTER ANDERSON MUSEUM OF ART**—including the famous murals of his secret sanctuary known as "The Little Room" and the adjoining **OCEAN SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER**, which he painted in the early 1950s for one dollar.

PERFORMING ARTS & THEATER

Immerse yourself in the stunning displays of artistry from our dancers and actors at theaters in every region of Mississippi.

NORTH

The **BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** in Cleveland, a cultural complex featuring a 1,154-seat theater and a separate recital hall, is the home of performance arts in the Delta. Oxford's stage for theatrical productions, visiting lectures and decorated musical artists is the **GERTRUDE C. FORD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**, with a roster of 150 events annually.

CENTRAL

Dancers from around the world convene in Jackson every four years to compete in the **USA INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION**, an Olympics-style trial for gold, silver and bronze medals, cash prizes—and for many, dream gigs with professional dance companies. Jackson's **THALIA MARA HALL** got its name from the famed ballet dancer herself, who helped secure Jackson as the home of the USA International Ballet Competition. The 2,040-seat venue in downtown Jackson hosts concerts, plays and other performance events. The **MISSISSIPPI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** performs 120 concerts around the state every year, including the popular annual Pepsi Pops July 4th concert on the Barnett Reservoir. The **MSU RILEY CENTER** in Meridian is a meticulously-restored 1889 opera house that hosts world-class performers inside of its gilded walls.

SOUTH

With a student roster chosen from home and abroad, the **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI ORCHESTRA** has performed with musical legends including Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma and Plácido Domingo.



Bologna Performing Arts Center



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POTTERY, CRAFTSMEN, GALLERIES

Ceramists and craftsmen have known for centuries that the best raw materials are right under their feet. "Mississippi Mud" isn't just a decadent dessert—it's also the rich, colorful clay ceramists use to create durable and decorative works of art.

NORTH

Lee and Pup McCarty fired their signature pottery glazes in an old mule barn where they also lived. **MCCARTY'S POTTERY** in Merigold, now run by their godsons Jamie and Stephen Smith, is the place to find their jade, cobalt blue and nutmeg crafts. In historic Mound Bayou, the Woods Brothers at **PETER'S POTTERY** throw clay for decoration and daily use, creating dinnerware, vases and specialty pieces depicting the nativity, local wildlife and more.

CENTRAL

The 20,000-square-foot **BILL WALLER CRAFT CENTER** in Ridgeland is the home of the **MISSISSIPPI CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD**, which features wood carvings, Choctaw baskets and other works from 400 artisans. Tucked in Flowood's Lakeland Commons lifestyle center is a hidden gem for seasoned and new art collectors alike. Browse and shop one-of-a-kind works by renowned and up-and-coming Mississippi artists at **PACESETTER GALLERY**.

SOUTH

The works of George E. Ohr are the centerpiece of Biloxi's **OHR-O'KEEFE MUSEUM** housed in a campus of four structures designed by architect Frank Gehry that rivals his genius. Peter Anderson, brother of painter Walter Anderson, established **SHEARWATER POTTERY** on a hill overlooking the Ocean Springs Harbor in 1928. His descendants still fire pottery in the family tradition and sell their wares in a gallery just down the oyster-shell drive.



CULTURAL MUSEUMS

You'll pick up some local color around every corner at our state's many community and cultural museums.

NORTH

For more than 15 years, the **APRON MUSEUM** in luka has celebrated the artistry, fabrics and uses of aprons. Discover artifacts dating to the Civil War in the only apron museum in the country. On a site along Natchez Trace Parkway, a tavern built by a Frenchman was the beginning of French Camp. The **FRENCH CAMP HISTORIC VILLAGE** includes a bed and breakfast, pottery studio and restaurant housed in various cabins from the 19th century. Passenger train service ended in Cleveland in 1965, but the railbed and train station are still here. The station is now the **MARTIN & SUE KING RAILROAD HERITAGE MUSEUM**, where visitors can learn how the railroad shaped the town.

CENTRAL

Just outside the levee gates in Vicksburg, the **CATFISH ROW MUSEUM** bridges the city's other main attractions—Civil War history and blues music—to a broader narrative of the people who settled here, their ways of life and the river that sustained them. The picturesque downtown square in Canton has provided a nostalgic backdrop for Hollywood blockbusters like *A Time to Kill*, *My Dog Skip* and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* Visit the **CANTON MOVIE MUSEUMS** for a look behind the scenes.

SOUTH

The **HISTORIC L&N TRAIN DEPOT** in Bay St. Louis houses both the **BAY ST. LOUIS MARDI GRAS MUSEUM**, which features elaborate costumes, and the **ALICE MOSELEY FOLK ART & ANTIQUE MUSEUM**. Learn local history at the **NATCHEZ MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE AND HISTORY**, such as the story of Forks of the Road, the second-largest slave market in the South, as well as the life of author and Natchez native Richard Wright.



Martin & Sue King Railroad Heritage Museum



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FESTIVALS

DID YA HEAR WE LIKE TO PARTY DOWN HERE?
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SPRING

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SUMMER

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RIDGELAND / CENTRAL

This annual event combines the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival, Sante South Wine Festival and the Natchez Trace Century Ride cycling race

FESTIVALSOUTH

HATTIESBURG / SOUTH

Multi-week festival celebrating music and performing arts

MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL

JACKSON / CENTRAL

Thousands of book fans gather for panels with renowned authors and literary figures

FALL

NATCHEZ BALLOON FESTIVAL

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Every October, the skies above Natchez fill with the bright colors of hot-air balloons

MISSISSIPPI DELTA TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL

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Clarksdale is a frequent character in Tennessee Williams' works, and this festival pays tribute to the late playwright

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WINTER

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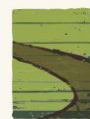
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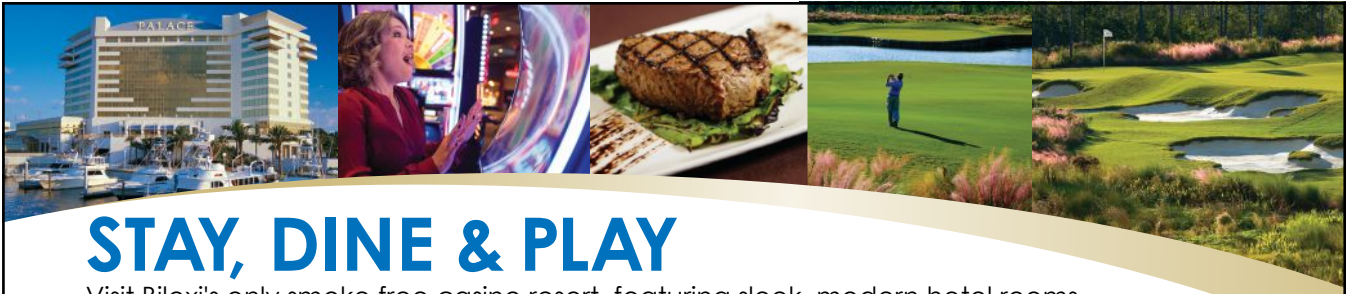


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History

MISSISSIPPI'S ROADWAYS ARE FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO STOP AND SPEND SOME TIME LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST OF THIS COLORFUL STATE AND THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED IT HOME.

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

Before the arrival of Europeans, the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Natchez tribes, along with many smaller Native American groups flourished in the fertile land that would become the state of Mississippi. One of the most durable legacies of these peoples' pre-contact societies is the network of Indian Mound sites across the state. Explore these impressive feats of pre-modern construction and learn about the people who built them by following the [MISSISSIPPI MOUND TRAIL](#) (see page 52).

NORTH

In Tupelo, once part of the Chickasaw homelands, the [CHICKASAW HERITAGE CENTER](#) offers a center for the preservation and celebration of Chickasaw history and traditions. Recreated models of traditional structures share the grounds with a modern museum and event space, right off the Natchez Trace Parkway.

CENTRAL

Central Mississippi maintains an impressive record of the indigenous people who called this land home. In Philadelphia, the [CHAHTA IMMI CULTURAL CENTER](#) features exhibits, classes and special events promoting Choctaw language and culture. At Native American mound sites, like the [WINTERVILLE MOUNDS](#) near Greenville and others along the [MISSISSIPPI MOUND TRAIL](#), visitors can experience these millennia-old earthworks and learn their role in the archeological history of the state.

SOUTH

Outside Natchez, visitors can explore the [GRAND VILLAGE OF THE NATCHEZ](#) Indians, a 128-acre park featuring three prehistoric Native American mounds. A nature trail also highlights the natural beauty of the area and the historical significance of the site, which was a main ceremonial center for the Natchez Indians between 1682 and 1730.



Chahta Immi Cultural Center



Mississippi Mound Trail



Winterville Mounds



Mississippi Civil Rights Museum



Two Mississippi Museums

MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS

NORTH

The [MUSEUM OF THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA](#) offers visitors an up-close look at the art and history of this remarkable region. With exhibits highlighting military and agricultural history, archeological artifacts and a hands-on natural science experience, this Greenwood museum tells the story of the Delta, its culture and the people who have lived there.

CENTRAL

The [MUSEUM OF MISSISSIPPI HISTORY](#) and the [MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM](#) sit next to each other in Jackson, and together the [TWO MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS](#) tell the rich history of Mississippi, in all its inspiring complexity. The Museum of Mississippi History begins with the indigenous peoples of the state and proceeds through the centuries to the history we live today. The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum explores the struggle for equal rights for African Americans that lasted from Emancipation through the struggles of the mid 20th century Civil Rights Movement. The Old Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson, home to the state government from 1839 to 1903, is now the [OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM](#). Visit the building where momentous decisions of Mississippi's tumultuous 19th century were made, and stop by the [MISSISSIPPI STATE HALL OF FAME](#), contained in the museum.

SOUTH

The [MISSISSIPPI ARMED FORCES MUSEUM](#) in Hattiesburg honors the sacrifices Mississippians have made since the earliest days of statehood. The nearby [AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY MUSEUM](#), housed in a historic USO post, celebrates the contributions of Black Mississippians to the military history of the United States.

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CIVIL WAR

Stretching along the vital transport artery of the Mississippi River, the state of Mississippi saw some of the most violent fighting of the Civil War. The wartime struggles became part of the Mississippi story forever, and history buffs have ample opportunities to learn more about the conflict.

NORTH

Visitors with an interest in American history will find significant Civil War sites throughout the state. In museums like the **CORINTH CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER**, visitors can learn the history of that conflict, and at memorials like the **TUPELO NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD**, visitors stand on the ground where events unfolded. The **ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY** is located on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville.

CENTRAL

The **VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK** features museums, more than 1,400 monuments and memorials, and the Union ironclad gunboat USS Cairo, all along a self-guided, 16-mile driving tour through the park. Several nearby museums, including **THE OLD DEPOT MUSEUM** tell the story of the war and its effect on the people of Vicksburg. At the **MUSEUM OF MISSISSIPPI HISTORY** in Jackson, visitors can view Civil War artifacts including battlefield medical instruments, equipment and attire.

SOUTH

GRAND GULF MILITARY PARK, in Port Gibson off the Natchez Trace Parkway, presents the history of the area with an emphasis on the Civil War (and also displays a mastodon bone found nearby). Biloxi's **BEAUVOIR** was the final home of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy; it is now a historic house museum. Biloxi is also the embarkation point for excursions to **SHIP ISLAND**, a barrier island home to Civil War-era Fort Massachusetts.



Vicksburg National Military Park



Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library



Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center



Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Garden

CIVIL RIGHTS

Mississippi was at the very center of the civil rights struggles of the mid 20th century, and the state is full of places to learn about and reflect on the struggle for full rights for African Americans and its meaning today. Over two dozen of these sites, commemorating the people and places of the Civil Rights Movement, have been marked as historically significant sites on the Mississippi Freedom Trail (see page 53).

NORTH

The **IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT MUSEUM** in Holly Springs marks the birthplace and celebrates the career of the trailblazing journalist; her birthday is celebrated each year in mid-July. Holly Springs' **RUST COLLEGE** is the oldest historically black college and second-oldest private college in Mississippi; alumni include Ida B. Wells and Larry Anderson, MIT men's basketball head coach. The **EMMETT TILL INTERPRETIVE CENTER** in Sumner tells the story and honors the memory of Emmett Till, a teenager whose 1955 lynching galvanized the modern Civil Rights Movement. The **FANNIE LOU HAMER MEMORIAL GARDEN** in Ruleville offers a place to honor the legacy of the Mississippi-born voting rights and anti-segregation activist. The **AMZIE MOORE HOUSE** in Cleveland is where the veteran and leader of the local NAACP lived during his leadership of local civil rights efforts.

CENTRAL

During June 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and thousands of fellow civil rights activists marched from Memphis to Jackson in the March Against Fear to protest continued racial injustice and recent attempted murder of activist James Meredith. They were welcomed and fed by congregants of the **OAK GROVE AME CHURCH** in Benton. The church is still an active congregation, and a marker commemorates the night the activists camped on the grounds before proceeding toward Jackson. Jackson's architecturally striking old **GREYHOUND BUS STATION** was a key destination for the Freedom Riders, during which citizens protested segregated transport and were arrested in numbers so large that it overwhelmed Jackson's legal system. The **MEDGAR AND MYRLIE EVERS HOME** in Jackson was the home of the activist couple until Medgar's murder in the carport in 1963. His widow continued her work for civil rights causes, and today, the home is managed by the National Park Service.



SOUTH

One of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last public appearances before his death was at **ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** in Laurel, where he rallied support for the ongoing Poor People's March protesting economic injustices. People sat, stood, rode and marched for civil rights—and in Biloxi, they waded, protesting segregation at beaches. Today, this unusual but important protest is remembered as the **BILOXI BEACH WADE-IN** and is commemorated with a Freedom Trail marker.



Friendship Cemetery

HISTORIC CEMETERIES

NORTH

FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY in Columbus began in 1849 as a local Odd Fellows cemetery but saw the burial of many Civil War dead because of Columbus' role as a hospital center. After the war, the women of the town laid flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers, and this "grave decorating day" was an early example of the tradition that ultimately grew into Memorial Day. Beautiful **ST. PETER'S CEMETERY** in Oxford is best known for being the resting place of Nobel Prize-winning novelist William Faulkner; devotees sometimes leave liquor at the novelist's grave.

CENTRAL

The 116-acre **VICKSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY**, located near the USS Cairo in the Vicksburg National Military Park, is the final resting place of 17,000 Civil War soldiers. In Jackson, the 22-acre **GREENWOOD CEMETERY** features peaceful natural beauty and monuments dating back to its establishment in 1823. At **ROSE HILL CEMETERY** in Meridian, visitors will find grave markers of city founders, prominent citizens, veterans of various wars and the festively decorated final resting place of Kelly Mitchell, a Romany clan Queen.

SOUTH

The beautiful **NATCHEZ CITY CEMETERY**, situated on a bluff over the Mississippi River since 1822, presents some of the most gorgeous and wistful grave markers in the entire South. Nearby **NATCHEZ NATIONAL CEMETERY**, established during the Civil War, still accepts interments of service members and their families. It is also home to the storied "Turning Angel" monument featured in Natchez novelist Greg Iles' book by the same name. Over 300 years old, the **OLD BILOXI CEMETERY** reflects the ties between Biloxi and nearby New Orleans, with above-ground barrel vaults marking many of the graves.



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We don't call our state the Birthplace of America's Music for nothing. Beginning in 2006, the Mississippi Blues Trail and the Mississippi Country Music Trail put that motto into motion, creating a network of hundreds of historical markers that together trace American popular music—rock, soul, R&B, hip-hop and Americana—back to their roots in Mississippi. Visitors from around the world flock to Mississippi to experience the places and people iconic musicians like Robert Johnson, B.B. King and Elvis Presley knew and reflected in their music.

Since then, we've added the Mississippi Freedom Trail, where you can trace the footsteps of courageous men and women who fought for equal rights. There's also the Mississippi Writers Trail to draw visitors deeper into the literary worlds of William Faulkner, Richard Wright and Eudora Welty, as well as other Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners and best-selling novelists. If you want to go back further into history, the Mississippi Mound Trail will put you on the path to learning how indigenous groups lived.

Our trails are self guided, and there are no formal entries or exits. You can dip into a trail at your leisure or visit them in groups based on location, theme or whatever fits your wanderings.

We may be known for the bounty of crops grown in the fertile Delta region and fresh Gulf seafood, but our culture, as you'll soon discover, is our greatest export.

MISSISSIPPI MOUND TRAIL

Rising high above the Delta flatlands all along the length of our river border, more than 30 significant mound sites on the Mississippi Mound Trail offer a peek back through history. For millennia before European settlers arrived, Native American tribes constructed mounds throughout the Mississippi River Valley. These sites marked locations of religious, social and political significance, and some served as the earthen foundation for the homes of respected elders.

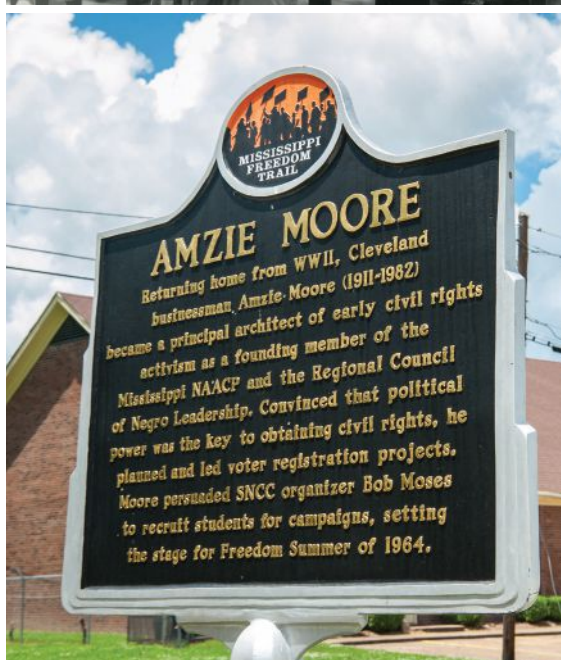
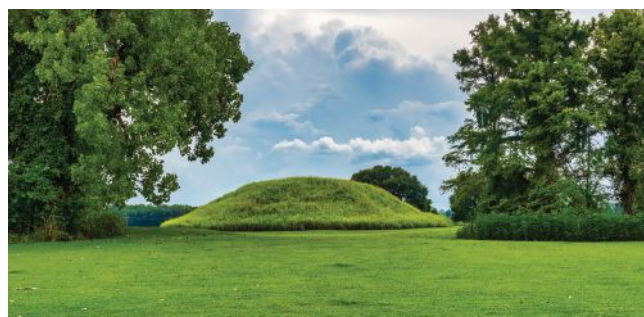
Within the borders of Mississippi as we know it today, indigenous peoples built mounds throughout the Plaquemine Mississippian period, or from 1200 to 1650 AD, although archaeological digs have revealed evidence of settlements from the Coles Creek period, which began in 650 AD, at some mound sites. Excavations of mounds beginning in the 20th century have revealed burial sites and the remains of domestic habitations, such as pottery and remnants of living quarters.

Just North of Greenville, the Winterville mounds are the largest in the state, with a centerpiece rectangular platform measuring 55 feet high. At one time, the site included 20 mounds, many of which supported architecture—and in some cases, structures that were burned and rebuilt repeatedly over time. The Winterville mounds are recognized as a National Historic Landmark.

The sight of a grand Colonial revival mansion perched high above the flat Delta is certainly jarring after driving through miles and miles of farmland. At Mont Helena, located near Rolling Fork in the middle of a field, is one of the more mysterious mounds in the state. Only four artifacts have been recovered from the site, and some assume it was used as a ceremonial mound. The current height of 26 feet is at least 10 feet lower than its original height; that much was removed before the home was built in 1896. The home is now open for tours.

As the first permanent European settlement in the Mississippi River Valley, we know quite a bit more about the mounds at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. That's because when a French explorer first mapped the site in 1723, four of the six mounds were still in use. Grand Village was the center of the Natchez chiefdom and home to leaders including Great Sun and Tattooed Serpent. One of three remaining mounds, identified on French maps as the home of Great Sun, was confirmed by archaeologists following excavations in the 1960s. Today, visitors can tour a replica of a Natchez native dwelling and view artifacts retrieved from archaeological digs at the onsite museum.

For more information on the Mississippi Mound Trail, visit trails.mdah.ms.gov or scan the QR code.



MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM TRAIL

In the small town of Money, Mississippi, a trail marker sits outside of a rundown grocery store in remembrance of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old murdered for allegedly whistling at a white woman. This event is often said to be the spark that galvanized the Civil Rights Movement.

Since then, courageous efforts of countless individuals through tumultuous times have paved the way for justice and equality. Through stops on the Mississippi Freedom Trail, currently at 30 markers spanning the entire state, visitors can learn about heroic stands like the Jackson Municipal Library Sit-In, when nine African Americans were arrested for using a whites-only library, and the Biloxi Beach Wade-In, where non-violent black demonstrators were attacked by a white mob.

On the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford, a marker commemorates James Meredith's integration of the school in 1962. When state leaders ignored a federal order to desegregate, President John F. Kennedy mobilized the U.S. Army and federalized the National Guard to protect Meredith from rioting segregationists. Agents from the U.S. Department of Justice escorted him through a mass of opponents to the Lyceum, where he completed his registration and was admitted.

Markers for Amzie Moore in Cleveland, Fannie Lou Hamer in Ruleville and Rev. George Lee in Belzoni honor those who put their lives at risk to advance voting rights for African Americans in the state. In Itta Bena, 45 voting rights pioneers were tear gassed and arrested at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church for the alleged crime of "breach of peace," and in the Olde Towne district of Clinton, a marker tells the story of the Clinton Massacre of 1875, where a political rally and debate between black Republicans and white Democrats turned violent and led to the deaths of 50 or more black citizens. A marker outside the Woolworth Chapel on the Tougaloo College campus in Jackson commemorates the actions of students during the Civil Rights Movement.

The Mississippi Freedom Trail is an ongoing project with markers continuously added. For more information and complete list of trail markers, scan the QR code.



MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL

Having the blues doesn't have to be a hummer. As Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, owner of the Blue Front Cafe juke joint in Bentonla has said, "it doesn't matter if a blues song is about something good or bad—the more you sing, the better you feel." The Mississippi Blues Trail celebrates the enormous achievements of blues musicians and traces the evolution of the genre through more than 200 markers posted across the state, including 21 located in other states or countries.

Traveling south into the Delta, the Highway 61 Blues marker at the Gateway to the Blues Museum in Tunica sets the tone for your blues road trip with a lesson on the importance of the "blues highway" in spreading the music through the Delta and up to Memphis, St. Louis and Chicago. After checking out markers for Big Jack Johnson, Ike Turner and others in Clarksdale, tour the Delta Blues Museum to see the cabin Muddy Waters lived in while working at Stovall Plantation. Then, head south to Dockery Plantation and learn why scholars believe this could be the birthplace of the blues.

But the blues didn't just happen in the Delta. You'll find historical markers for major blues figures across Mississippi, like Howlin' Wolf in West Point, Charley Patton's Birthplace in Bolton and Robert Johnson's Birthplace in Hazlehurst. The newest marker on the Blues Trail, located on Farish Street in Jackson, celebrates R&B and soul singer Dorothy Moore, who enjoyed success with the smash hit "Misty Blue." At 100 Men Hall in Bay St. Louis, you can visit the century-old stop on the Chitlin' Circuit—the loose network of juke joints and venues across the South where black musicians performed blues, soul and R&B—which hosted Etta James, Irma Thomas and James Brown.

The Mississippi Blues Trail is an ongoing project with markers continuously added. For more information and complete list of trail markers, scan the QR code.



MISSISSIPPI COUNTRY MUSIC TRAIL

The man known worldwide as the King of Rock 'n' Roll is also the only person to have markers on both the Mississippi Blues Trail and Country Music Trail. The Elvis Country Music Trail marker in Tupelo focuses on how the music of his childhood influenced his early Sun Records singles, and how elements of country music remained in his signature style throughout his life. Nearby in Tremont, the Tammy Wynette marker honors the Country Music Hall of Famer who sang the smash hits "Stand By Your Man" and "D-I-V-O-R-C-E."

The first time Johnny Cash played in Starkville, he and his band hung out after the concert and played songs late into the night at a fraternity house. The second time, though, ended with Cash arrested while picking flowers at 2 a.m. He wrote the song "Starkville City Jail" about the night he spent in lockup and featured it on the live album Johnny Cash At San Quentin. In 2021, former Cash band member and son-in-law Marty Stuart paid tribute to his friend by playing the song on one of Cash's guitars at the unveiling ceremony.

As one of the first female artists to write and perform her own music, Bobbie Gentry was a trailblazer in the male-dominated music industry. But she's remembered for her music—especially her No. 1 hit "Ode to Billie Joe," a sultry country song about the mysterious death of fictional character Billie Joe McAllister, who jumped off the Tallahatchie Bridge. The Bobbie Gentry marker is located in Greenwood near the river she made famous.

Charley Pride was a professional baseball player who dabbled in singing when a local radio DJ got him an audition with Nashville tastemakers who were traveling through Helena, Montana, where he lived at the time. While this meeting started Pride on a new career, it took a while to land a recording contract; as Danica Hart of Mississippi country trio Chapel Hart has said, "country music didn't look like him." But that didn't matter. He not only became the first African American country star and member of The Grand Ole Opry, but he also left behind a legacy of 28 No. 1 hit songs when he passed away in 2020. His marker is located in Sledge where he grew up.

As country stars go, they don't get bigger than the "Mississippi Girl" herself, Faith Hill. You'll find her marker in the town of Star—and yes, it was already named that before she sold more than 30 million albums worldwide. Down in Biloxi, Chris LeDoux's marker illuminates his life as a professional rodeo rider who began singing country songs, later parlaying his musical gift into a second career. In 2005, he was named to the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and awarded the Academy of Country Music's Pioneer Award.



The Mississippi Country Music Trail is an ongoing project with markers continuously added. For more information and complete list of trail markers, scan the QR code.





MISSISSIPPI WRITERS TRAIL

A state with such a deep cultural history is sure to produce generations of creative talent who leave their mark across the arts. Mississippi's literary legacy is full of such works, authored by titans like William Faulkner, Richard Ford and Margaret Walker, as well as relative newcomers like Jesmyn Ward and Natasha Trethewey. The Mississippi Writers Trail currently honors 13 revered authors with historical markers.

Fittingly, the Tennessee Williams marker is located in Clarksdale, where the playwright spent his early childhood. Williams worked Delta memories such as Moon Lake, which appears in works like "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "The Glass Menagerie," into many of his plays. Novelist, photographer and short story writer Eudora Welty's marker is located at the Jackson home where she lived and wrote for most of her life. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is open for tours.

Welty's friend Willie Morris, who worked his way up from the Yazoo City boyhood he wrote about in *North Toward Home* and *My Dog Skip* to become the youngest editor of *Harper's Magazine*, is celebrated with a marker in the town he made famous. Through his writing, editing and enormous personality, he served as an ambassador for Mississippi and the South to the rest of the country and the world.

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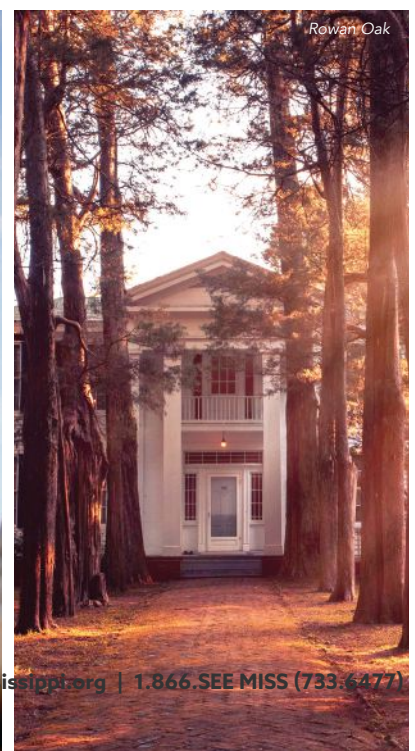


HISTORY, CULTURE AND NATURE COME TOGETHER IN THE STATE'S NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPES

Congress has designated 55 regions across the United States as National Heritage Areas. Once called a “new kind of national park” by President Ronald Reagan, these “lived-in landscapes” are areas that possess a natural, cultural and historical richness that make particularly strong contributions to the country’s heritage. Mississippi’s three National Heritage Areas provide visitors with a chance to see how history and culture continue to shape the country’s destiny.

MISSISSIPPI HILLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

In the northern region of the state, the southwestern most foothills of the Appalachians form the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area. Crossed by the ancient Natchez Trace trade route, the Mississippi hills were largely Chickasaw territory before the wealth of the local farmland and forests drew American settlers. The area saw ferocious Civil War battles in Iuka and Corinth, leading in turn to the establishment of the Corinth Contraband Camp to accommodate recently freed people. Sons and daughters of the area would later become prominent leaders in 20th-century American culture: writers William Faulkner and Tennessee Williams came from here, as did Tammy Wynette, blues great Howlin’ Wolf and perhaps most famously, Tupelo-born Elvis Presley. Civil rights warriors including journalist Ida B. Wells and James Meredith, the first African American student at the University of Mississippi, contributed greatly to the struggle for equality in Mississippi and throughout the United States.





MISSISSIPPI DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Fertile soil and proximity to the great Mississippi River have drawn people to the Mississippi Delta, spanning the North and Central regions of the state, since the first Americans arrived and built the earthen mounds that still stand in the Delta today. US Highway 61, the Blues Highway, crosses the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area—intersecting US Highway 49 in Clarksdale at the notorious Devil's Crossroads, where Robert Johnson reportedly sold his soul to become a great bluesman. The Delta's farms and rivers provide the ingredients for the area's increasingly famous food scene, where local traditions and global influences transform the region's natural riches into dishes that draw diners from across the nation. A particular attraction is the area's tamales—stories vary as to how they originated, and returning Mexican War veterans, Depression-era migrant laborers and Native Americans are all sometimes credited. Spicier and saucier than those enjoyed elsewhere, they're the perfect roadside fuel for a road trip exploring this attraction-packed part of the state.

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

The three Mississippi counties that adjoin the Gulf coast, along with three more just inland, make up the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area. This historic, innovative, natural and flavorful region is where Europeans first encountered the land that would become Mississippi. Forts, lighthouses and historic cemeteries testify to the area's storied past. The area's natural beauty has inspired countless artists, including the world-renowned artists Walter Anderson and George Ohr, and serves as the backdrop for scientists working on our continued exploration of outer space. The coastal waters, beaches, bayous and swamps teem with abundant plant and animal life—and the Pascagoula River is the largest undammed river in the lower 48 states. These fertile waterways have also led to the Mississippi Gulf Coast becoming famous for its seafood, with catfish, crawfish, drum, shrimp and oysters filling plates across the region.



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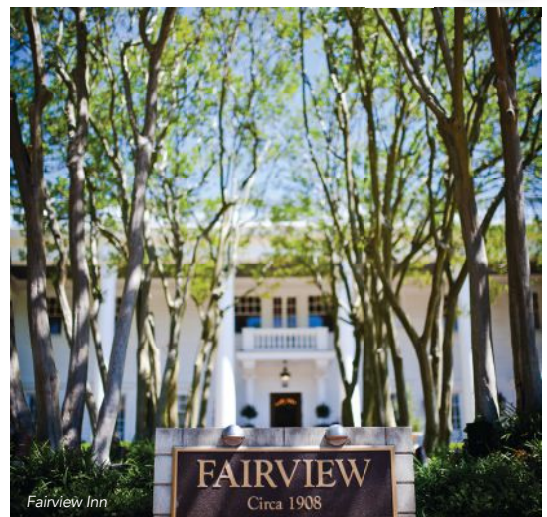
In the northernmost section of the state you'll find Holly Springs, a town with many historic properties, including **WYNNE HOUSE**. This gracious home offers the quintessential B&B experience with cozy rooms, shared common spaces and a lavish breakfast each morning. Bright décor, full homemade breakfast and cozy add-ons like a s'mores package make the **Z BED & BREAKFAST** just the ticket for a few days in Oxford. Travel southwest to Columbus for a stay at the 1907 **JACKIE O' HOUSE**. This stately home sits on four acres of lush grounds and offers five suites full of old-world charm.

CENTRAL

Historic beauty and modern amenities make Jackson's **FAIRVIEW INN** stand out from the crowd. From the beautifully landscaped lawn to luxe suites, on-site spa and chic Library Lounge, you're in for a memorable stay at this Colonial Revival style B&B. Both Jefferson Davis and Ulysses S. Grant danced in the ballroom at **DUFF GREEN MANSION** in Vicksburg; today's guests can choose from nine individually decorated suites and enjoy a three-course formal breakfast.

SOUTH

Natchez is home to countless historic homes, and many serve as bed and breakfasts. **CHOCTAW HALL**, located downtown, sets the tone: a grand historic 1836 home with suites set around a gracious common space. More modern B&B stays can be found further south along the Coast. **BAY TOWN INN** is walking distance from the shops and restaurants of Bay St. Louis—but with The Oyster Bar next door and a saltwater pool in the courtyard, you may not want to stray far. Decked out in custom furniture and woodblock prints by celebrated local artist Walter Anderson, **THE ROOST** offers a secluded feel despite a convenient Ocean Springs location.



UNIQUE LODGING

NORTH

Named and decorated as an homage to the great bluesman John Lee Hooker, the **HOOKER HOTEL**, a rentable suite in an refurbished 1897 telegraph building in downtown Clarksdale, offers the perfect headquarters for an exploration of blues country. No-frills shotgun shacks surrounding a cotton gin-turned-bar-and-lobby: that's the **SHACK UP INN** in Clarksdale, which gives guests live music every Friday and Saturday night. No one knows for certain if Robert Johnson died in one of the cottages that make up **TALLAHATCHIE FLATS** in Greenwood—but the owners are certain one came from the exact property where he passed. Listen for his spirit or just enjoy the countryside in these cozy, rustic rentals.

CENTRAL

Located on the outskirts of Jackson, **PROVIDENCE HILL FARM** offers a luxurious getaway for sportsmen and those just looking for a serene escape. Choose between the stable with soaring windows and ceilings or one of the quaint two bedroom cottages. Quail and pheasant hunting are also available for overnight guests.

SOUTH

An 1880s row house packed to the brim with music memorabilia (and a baby grand piano), **SHANTY BELLUM** in Natchez welcomes guests with a Moon Pie on their pillow upon arrival. The **FRONT BEACH COTTAGES** in Ocean Springs started life as simple fishing shacks in the 1940s; fully renovated today, these cottages are walking distance from Front Beach and downtown Ocean Springs—or lock the door and cozy up with a special someone.

BOUTIQUE HOTELS

NORTH

One mile from Ole Miss and in the heart of downtown Oxford, **GRADUATE OXFORD** charms guests looking for an intellectually stylish getaway with well-decorated rooms, a rooftop bar and a café inspired by the Neshoba County Fair. The newly-opened **HOTEL TUPELO** downtown presents a mid-century design aesthetic, an in-house bar and restaurant and Elvis-themed packages that'll let you experience Tupelo like a king. **THE ALLUVIAN** will spoil you for choice: it houses a spa, a chic restaurant, Viking Cooking School—the only one outside of Atlantic City—and a yoga studio, all nestled in historic Greenwood.

CENTRAL

The Threefoot Building in downtown Meridian has stood since 1929 as a triumph of Art Deco architecture. Now repurposed as the **THREEFOOT HOTEL**, the property offers Jazz Age elegance in the heart of a regional hub. The **OLD CAPITOL INN** in Jackson began as a YWCA complete with indoor basketball court; today, guests enjoy calmer amenities like a New Orleans-style serenity garden and daily full Southern breakfast. **THE MASON BOUTIQUE HOTEL** is housed in a beautifully renovated Masonic temple in Louisville, offers elegant and relaxing guest rooms, a grand ballroom and a courtyard—all perfectly situated for an exploration of central Mississippi.

SOUTH

With a contemporary look that pulls design elements from the city's industrial past, along with trendy bar and small-plate eatery Brass Hat, Hattiesburg's **HOTEL INDIGO** is the place to stay when exploring the Hub City. Nestled in Bay St. Louis' walkable downtown, the **PEARL HOTEL** offers a speakeasy-style lounge, seafood-centered restaurant and an elegant pool area perfect for relaxing in the sun or under a starry sky. Spacious and gracious, and with some rooms opening onto a grand balcony, **HOTEL WHISKEY** in Pass Christian is a mere half-block from the beach and hosts steakhouse Whiskey Prime.



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NORTH

PRAIRIE WILDLIFE in West Point offers shooting sports along with hunting of deer, rabbit and birds—the property is managed with a conservation-minded Orvis-approved approach and offers several lodges and onsite massage therapist. Surrounded by campgrounds, **GRENADA LAKE** on the Yalobusha River is an increasingly popular site for outdoor pursuits, with boating, fishing, birdwatching and simply relaxing in nature among the activities available.

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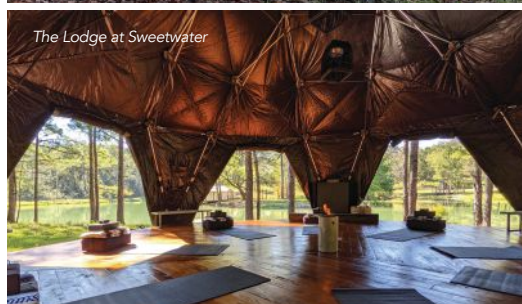
Hunters, blues aficionados and those simply looking for a getaway can all enjoy **M.J. CABINS** on Wolf Lake near Yazoo City. Fully decked out with amenities, deck, pier and grill, they have everything you'll need to savor this corner of the state. **LAKE TIAK O'KHATA** near Louisville gives guests their choice of cabins, motel rooms, kitchenettes or RV spots, all with access to the full-service restaurant and the beautiful white-sand lakeside beach. Sited along the Mississippi just upriver from Vicksburg, **TARA WILDLIFE**'s six miles of riverside property offers nature photography, hunting, hiking and easy proximity to historic Vicksburg and the Natchez Trace.

SOUTH

THE FOREST RETREAT, near Gloster, is made up of two treehouses tucked into the woods at the edge of the Homochitto National Forest—each with a wraparound porch giving a 360-degree vista. **THE LODGE AT SWEETWATER**, close to Louisville, offers art, meditation and yoga studios, along with canvas safari-style glamping tents, for the creatively inclined. Rent a bike at **LONGLEAF PINEY RESORT**, situated on the **LONGLEAF TRACE CYCLING TRAIL** near Hattiesburg, then retire to one of seven tiny houses (or the one big house) for some R&R among the trees.



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GO BACK TO PREHISTORIC TIMES

The **UNION COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM** displays New Albany's prehistoric history. View the tusk and bones of a mastodon, the skull of a sabertooth cat, and the only horned dinosaur tooth of its kind found in North America, which was discovered in a nearby creek.

TOUCH DOWN IN THE LAND OF THE DELTA BLUES

HOLLYWOOD CAFE dishes up steak, burgers, seafood and slow-cooked, mouthwatering ribs. But this unsuspecting eatery has a big off-menu claim to fame: singer-songwriter Marc Cohn immortalized this café in his song "Walking in Memphis." Stop in for a bite to eat and see why a visit here helped cure his writer's block.

GET DOWN IN A JUKE JOINT

If you're looking for a real Delta blues juke joint, it doesn't get more authentic than **RED'S LOUNGE** in Clarksdale. Many of the artists who play here—including Clarksdale's own Christone "Kingfish" Ingram—are beloved on the world stage.

GO BEHIND THE SCENES

Take a self-guided driving tour through Greenwood to see sites from **THE HELP**. This award-winning film was written and directed by Mississippi native Tate Taylor, who was pictured on the cover of the 2021 *Official Mississippi Tour Guide* with *The Help* actress Octavia Spencer. Another must-see movie site is **HOLLYWOOD PLANTATION** in Benoit. In 1956 **BABY DOLL** was filmed here, giving the historic mansion its nickname, "The Baby Doll House."





Red's Lounge

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The **GREAT RIVER ROAD NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY** follows along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River for nearly 3,000 miles, including almost 400 miles that make the western border of the Magnolia State. For a shorter trek, check out the **GREAT RIVER ROAD BIKE TRAIL**, which begins in Walls and follows Old Highway 61 to Tunica.



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Football game days are a can't miss experience at SEC rivals **OLE MISS** (in Oxford) and **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY** (in Starkville), where these campuses are transformed into tailgating meccas—some even adorned with chandeliers. Time your visit accordingly to witness the Egg Bowl. Held Thanksgiving Day at one of the universities, the two rivals compete for the chance to win the prized "Golden Egg" and bragging rights for the next year.



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The small town of Ripley has a big shopping experience flea market shoppers can't miss. **RIPLEY'S FIRST MONDAY TRADE DAY** is held on Saturday and Sundays before the first Monday of each month, and is filled with countless vendors offering crafts, antiques and unique finds. **MOONSTRUCK FLEA MARKET** in Cleveland is a quirky and fun shopping spot filled with antiques and one-of-a-kind treasures. **KILGORE'S ANTIQUES** in Hernando has been a local destination for antiques, collectibles and more since 1947.

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Can't Miss This!

VISIT THE OLD CAPITOL

Built in 1839, the meticulously restored **OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM** in Jackson is a Greek Revival masterpiece capped with a copper dome. Visit this free museum to learn about historic events that happened here, including the period from the state's secession from the Union in 1861 through Reconstruction.

STEP ON FERTILE GROUND

The historic Belhaven neighborhood of Jackson is home to the new **FERTILE GROUND BEER CO.**, a self-proclaimed "progressive and innovative craft brewery" offering a fun time for all. The family friendly spot—yes, kids and pups are welcome—has an inviting tap room and patio with games, craft beers and non-alcoholic drinks. When hunger strikes, there are plenty of delicious local eateries in walking distance.



HIT A WINNING STRIKE

For a fun night out in Jackson's Fondren neighborhood, hit up **HIGHBALL LANES**, the area's newest bowling alley that's anything but ordinary. Lounge lane-side in swanky leather chesterfield sofas, sip a craft cocktail and enjoy an appetizer from the onsite restaurant while you wait to hit the pins. View a pre- or post-game movie at the neighboring **CAPRI THEATRE**. This preserved cinema strikes the perfect balance of old-world charm and state-of-the-art technology.



Fertile Ground Beer Co.





VISIT MISSISSIPPI'S MOVIE CAPITAL

Blockbuster movies *A Time to Kill*, *My Dog Skip* and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* were filmed in the town of Canton for good reason. "Mississippi's Movie Capital" indeed radiates that quintessential Southern small-town charm. For visitors interested in exploring Canton's illustrious cinematic history, the **CANTON MOVIE MUSEUM**, located downtown on the Historic Courthouse Square, features a wealth of interesting movie trivia and little-known facts.



Canton Movie Museum

JOIN OUR BIGGEST HOUSE PARTY

Time your visit to attend **THE NESHOBIA COUNTY FAIR™**, aka Mississippi's Giant House Party™, a one-of-a-kind tradition dating back to 1889. Here you'll find rows of colorful cabins, fair rides and carnival games, big-name musical acts, horse races, political speeches and more.

TAKE A BITE AT THE BIG APPLE

THE BIG APPLE INN's name may be a little deceiving—this unsuspecting Jackson establishment is not an inn and it definitely does not serve apples. Instead, here you'll find a simple menu highlighted by the pig ear sandwich. It's been a menu staple for decades and has been featured in *Ripley's Believe It or Not*.



Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum



Mississippi Children's Museum

FIND A ONE-STOP FUN SHOP

The **LEFLEUR MUSEUM DISTRICT** in Jackson is bursting with excitement. Here you'll find the **MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**, the **MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE**, the **MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MUSEUM** and the **MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME**. The district's newest addition, **THE LEFLEUR'S BLUFF COMPLEX**, features a state-of-the-art playground, Spotter's Adventure Trail (a museum walking trail) and The Den (an outdoor pavilion).

Can't Miss This!

KEEP THE FAITH

ST. MARY BASILICA in Natchez is an architectural masterpiece and the oldest Catholic building still in use in Mississippi. Built beginning in 1842, this Gothic Revival style church is filled with breathtaking details, including 16 exquisite stained glass windows.



St. Mary Basilica



Windsor Ruins

DISCOVER THE RUINS

Near Port Gibson you'll find **WINDSOR RUINS**, an iconic site that has captured the public's imagination since a fire destroyed the estate in 1890. What remains are 29 enormous columns standing 45-feet tall.

GET SPOOKED

Discover the spooky side of the charming coastal town of Bay St. Louis—if you dare. **MYSTIC GHOST RIDES** offers walking and boating tours that tell the legends and lore of ghostly pirates and local hauntings.

VISIT MISSISSIPPI'S TINIEST MUSEUM

Take a peek into the miniature **HATTIESBURG POCKET MUSEUM**, a quirky museum tucked into a window in a "secret" alley bursting with innovative, interactive and rotating art exhibits. Discover the Hattiesburg Pocket Theater, a three-story mural, 3D art installations and more in this one-of-a-kind alley.



Cruisin' the Coast

REV UP YOUR ENGINES

The annual **CRUISIN' THE COAST** is anything but your typical classic car show. Car enthusiasts from all over converge across a 30-mile stretch along the Mississippi Coast to show off their rides during this weeklong celebration. Designated stops along the way host mini festivals with live music, vendors and more.



Paul's Pastry Shop

EAT LIKE A KING

PAUL'S PASTRY SHOP in Picayune is said by many to have one of the best king cakes around. Stop by and decide for yourself—the bakery sells the Mardi Gras delicacies year-round.

STOP AT THE VILLAGE

Seminary's **SHADY ACRES VILLAGE** is a charming roadside stop that begs for a visit. Here you'll find a charming gift shop filled with souvenirs, a general store with fresh produce and homemade preserves, and a Southern-style restaurant with mouthwatering blue plate specials.

DISCOVER THE RIVER'S POWER

Along pristine hills that follow the Chunky River in Enterprise, you'll find **DUNN'S FALLS**. This 65-foot waterfall that powers a giant working water wheel. You can swim or canoe in the river below and enjoy a picnic afterwards.



COME OUT AND PLAY

The **HATTIESBURG ZOO** offers unique experiences around every corner. You can walk about with a wallaby, cuddle a sloth and enjoy seeing nearly 100 other species of animals. Looking for more adventure? Mine for gems at the Mining Experience or take things up a few levels (literally) on the High Ropes Adventure Course.



GO UNDER THE SEA

Touch a shark, book a meet-and-greet with the penguins, or simply marvel at the diversity of marine life at the **MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM** in Gulfport.

SHOP AMERICAN-MADE HEIRLOOM WARES

LAUREL MERCANTILE CO. was the center of commerce in downtown Laurel in the early 1900s, but the doors closed a few decades later as industries changed. Fast forward to 2016, the shop was reopened by Erin and Ben Napier, stars of HGTV's *Home Town*. Today you can shop their brands', LMCo. and Scotsman Co., that include American-made goods and Ben's handmade woodworkings.

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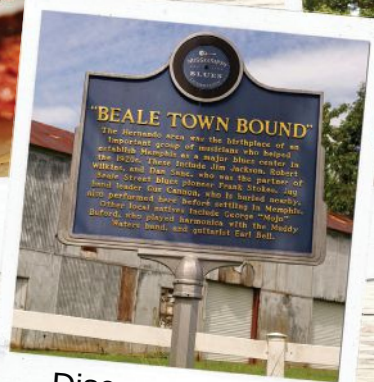
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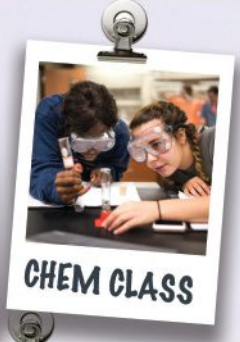
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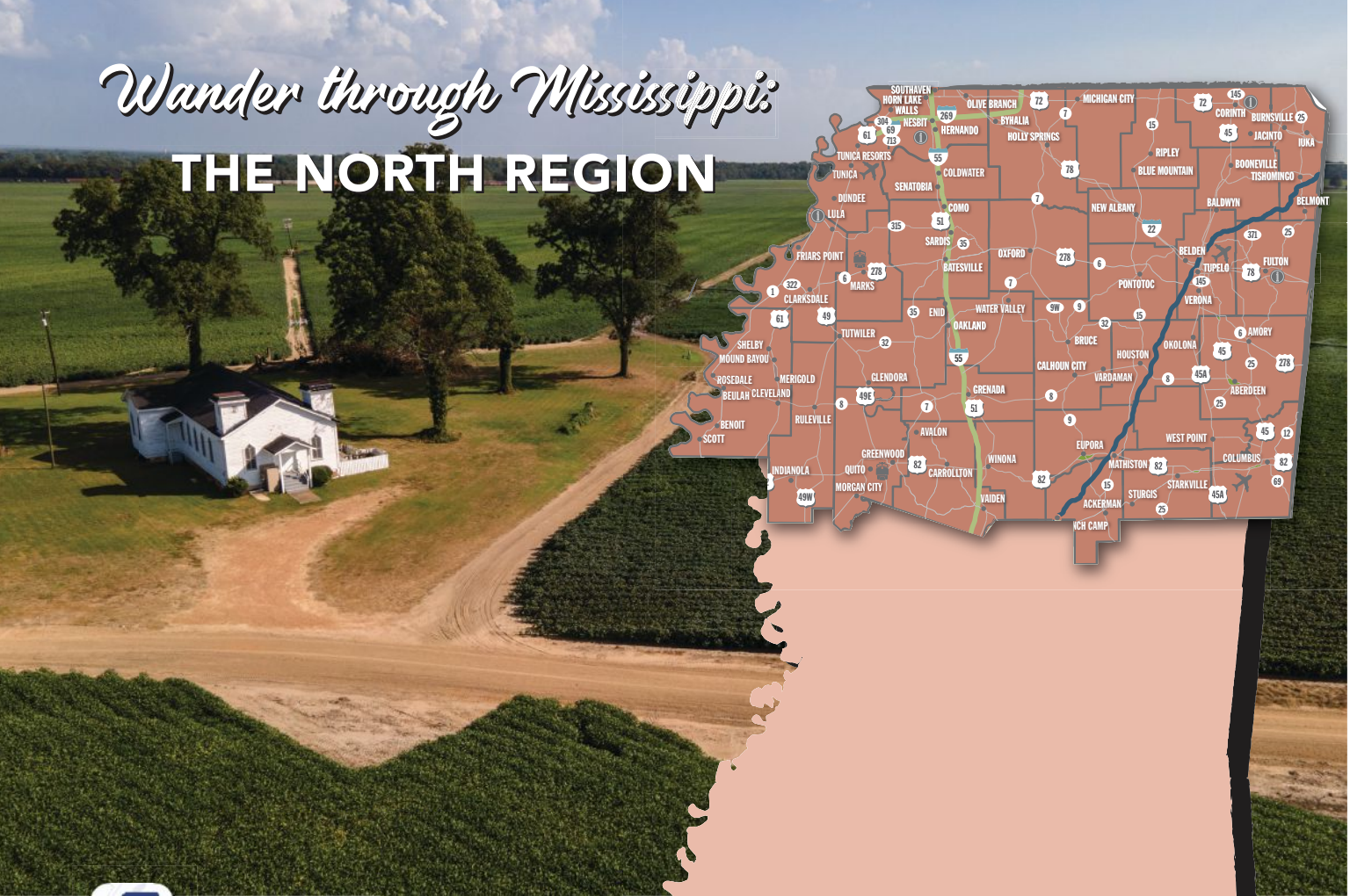
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Begin wandering in the northwestern corner of the state, where you'll find the cities of Tunica, Southaven, Horn Lake, Walls, Nesbit, Hernando and Olive Branch.



Tunica RiverPark & Museum



Gateway to the Blues Museum & Visitor Center

TUNICA

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Betting action meets Southern charm in Tunica, which is home to six casinos and sports betting hub SportsBooks. The games continue away from the gaming floor: play a round at the Scottish links course at **RIVER BEND LINKS** or the Mark McCumber-designed course at **TUNICA NATIONAL GOLF & TENNIS**, which also features the indoor clay tennis courts. **TUNICA RIVERPARK & MUSEUM** offers spectacular views of the Mississippi River along with interactive exhibits on the river's human and natural history. If you enjoy the blues, stop by the **GATEWAY TO THE BLUES MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER**, located in an 1896 train depot, to learn about the origins of blues music. Feed your body and soul with classic Southern cooking at **BLUE & WHITE RESTAURANT** and pay your respects at **TUNICA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**.

SOUTHAVEN

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In addition to presenting concerts year-round, Southaven's **LANDERS CENTER** is home to two Memphis-area sports teams—the Memphis Hustle, the NBA G League affiliate of the Memphis Grizzlies, and the Memphis Americans, which has both men's and women's professional indoor soccer teams. More concerts pack the schedule at **BANKPLUS AMPHITHEATER** at Snowden Grove Park. Adrenaline junkies and road warriors can test drive a classic Harley at **SOUTHERN THUNDER HARLEY DAVIDSON**. Each fall, the **MID-SOUTH FAIR** dishes up the food-on-a-stick joy of a classical American fair, along with over 50 rides and a wide array of exhibits and performances. Play a few holes at **CENTRAL PARK DISC GOLF** before scoring some deals at **TANGER OUTLETS**. Take a moment to reflect and give thanks at the **DESOTO COUNTY VETERANS PARK** to pay tribute to service members past, present and future. **SILO SQUARE** is the newest shopping and entertainment destination with everything from a pedestrian walkway to live entertainment.



Mid-South Fair



Landers Center



Latimer Lakes Park



HORN LAKE

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Horn Lake was a once a bend in the mighty Mississippi before the constantly changing course of the river left it a separate oxbow lake, giving it the natural aesthetic that has now attracted visitors for generations. One of the highest-profile fans of the beautiful site was Elvis Presley, who honeymooned with Priscilla at his own **CIRCLE G RANCH**, currently under restoration. Explore **LATIMER LAKES PARK**, a 120-acre stretch of playground, trails, fishing lake and skate park adventures. For indoor fun at an unusual attraction, head to the **AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE MUSEUM** to learn about the history of the game.

WALLS

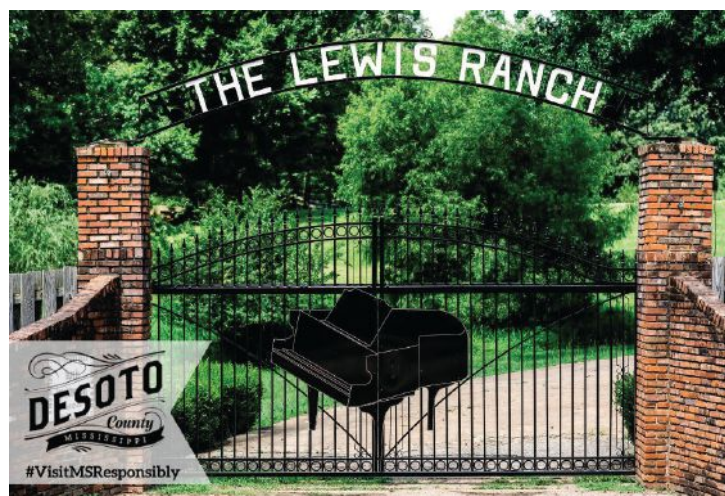
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Visitors to Walls can't miss the majestic **EDGEFIELD MOUNDS**, a legacy of the area's Native American inhabitants. Before she was **MEMPHIS MINNIE**, the blueswoman was Walls' Lizzie Douglas; she's laid to rest in **NEW HOPE CEMETERY**. Take in spectacular Mississippi River views from the 41-acre **HERNANDO DESOTO RIVER PARK**, DeSoto County's only public access to the river.

NESBIT

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The energetic and influential rocker Jerry Lee Lewis called Nesbit home, and **THE LEWIS RANCH**, the musician's private getaway welcomes visitors to take pictures in front of the fabulous piano gates of the home. **NESBIT BLUEBERRY PLANTATION** will send you home with sweet memories of the fresh berries you picked. Should you be lucky enough to spend the winter holidays in Mississippi, the **MERRY CHRISTMAS TREE FARM** provides your choice of Leyland Cypress, Fraser Fir or Blue Sapphire Christmas trees.





Arkabutla Lake Rehabilitation and Nature Center Trail

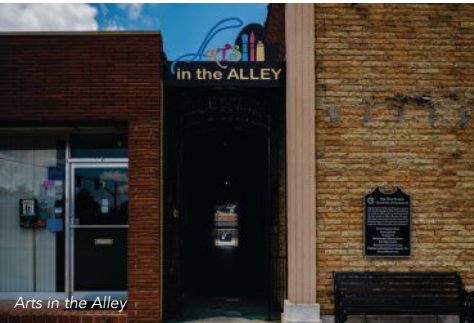


Bolin Grove Farms

HERNANDO

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The **DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE** serves as the downtown focal point of historic Hernando. **HERNANDO COURT-HOUSE SQUARE** hosts a Saturday morning farmers' market and an array of shops. If you need more produce, pick your own berries and pumpkins at **BOLIN GROVE FARMS**. History buffs can take in the Confederate burial trench at **HERNANDO MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY** or learn more about the town and county's namesake, conquistador Hernando de Soto, at the **DESOTO COUNTY MUSEUM**. Connect with nature at the **ARKABUTLA LAKE REHABILITATION AND NATURE CENTER TRAIL**, a wildlife sanctuary with two miles of wooded trails for contented wanderings.



Arts in the Alley



Farmers' Market

OLIVE BRANCH

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Start your tour of Olive Branch in the **OLD TOWNE** neighborhood, making sure to hit the **FARMERS' MARKET** to score handmade delicacies and local produce and **ARTS IN THE ALLEY**, a public walkway adorned with local art and home to the **OLIVE BRANCH ARTS COUNCIL** headquarters. A **HISTORIC WALKING TRAIL** showcases the town's 1836 origins. The 135-acre **OLIVE BRANCH CITY PARK** is your spot for walking, biking and tennis, and if you prefer your sports chilled, **MID-SOUTH ICE HOUSE** is an NHL-sized indoor skating rink that offers curling, skating and hockey. Swing by the nation's largest importer and grower of unique bonsai trees, **BRUSSEL'S BONSAI NURSERY** before visiting **BLOCKER CEMETERY**, the final resting place of the area's earliest settlers.

Take a short drive heading southeast to Holly Springs

HOLLY SPRINGS

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Fuel up with a meal at **PHILLIPS GROCERY**, home to what *USA Today* heralded as "one of the world's greatest burgers." **MONTROSE**, a two-story columned Greek Revival home built as a wedding present for the daughter of planter Alfred Brooks, is now operated by the Holly Springs Garden Club as a house museum. The home's arboretum contains over 50 different specimens of trees native to the area. If you like your nature a little wilder, head to the 3,000-acre **STRAWBERRY PLAINS AUDUBON CENTER**, which hosts an annual habitat conservation event, the **HUMMINGBIRD MIGRATION AND NATURE CELEBRATION**. If championship golf and luxury accommodations are more your speed, **KIRKWOOD NATIONAL GOLF CLUB** has you covered. Make time for the **IDA B. WELLS MUSEUM**, which preserves the birthplace and legacy of the pioneering African American investigative journalist.



Montrose



Head south on MS Hwy. 7

OXFORD

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Oxford, home of the 2022 College World Series National Baseball Champions and the storied **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**, has many feathers in its cap. Football fans can join the legendary tailgates in **THE GROVE** for a taste of Southern sporting culture. Ole Miss also houses an impressive trove of historical resources at both the **CENTER FOR SOUTHERN CULTURE** and at the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM**, where visitors can find ancient Roman and Greek relics and American art exhibits under one roof. As the cultural capital of North Mississippi, Oxford hosts world-class performances at the **GERTRUDE C. FORD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**. Nobel laureate William Faulkner's home, **ROWAN OAK**, is open for tours, and book lovers can load up at locally-owned **SQUARE BOOKS** and the new, nearby **RARE SQUARE BOOKS**, which offers collectible, vintage and first-edition volumes. The **HISTORIC OXFORD SQUARE** is home to award-winning restaurants and chic shops. Enjoy a **THACKER MOUNTAIN RADIO HOUR** show broadcast; learn about the life and work of the influential statesman at the **LUCIUS Q.C. LAMAR HOUSE**; or visit the **BURNS BELFRY MUSEUM AND MULTICULTURAL CENTER**, housed in a restored early 20th-century African American church.



Wander east on MS Hwy. 30

NEW ALBANY

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Quaint, charming New Albany teems with activity. Travelers along the **SOUTHERN LITERARY TRAIL** can visit the **WILLIAM FAULKNER LITERARY GARDEN**, a botanical sanctuary located near the author's childhood home. New Albany's **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offers a quaint mix of local shops and restaurants. For outdoor fun, head to the **PARK ALONG THE RIVER** or the **MISSISSIPPI ARBORETUM**. **TANGLEFOOT TRAIL** offers 44 miles of hiking and biking trails that once served as a railroad. It's now honored in the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame.

Tanglefoot Trail



Venture to the northwest corner of the state to explore Corinth, Iuka and Tishomingo

CORINTH

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History abounds in “Mississippi’s Gateway City,” located in the northeast corner of the state. The **CORINTH CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER** explains the city’s vital role in the war; the nearby site of the **CORINTH CONTRABAND CAMP** serves as a memorial to the former slaves who resided and sought freedom here in Union occupied Corinth following President Lincoln’s Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. The **CROSSROADS MUSEUM** houses both an extensive collection of antique train cars and additional Civil War-era artifacts in a historic train depot. The historic **VERANDAH-CURLEE HOUSE** was used as military headquarters by both sides during the Civil War. Shop your way through the revitalized **SOCO DISTRICT** and stay hungry for the annual **SLUGBURGER FESTIVAL**, a weekend-long celebration of Corinth’s inimitable culinary creation.



Crossroads Museum



IUKA & TISHOMINGO

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Beautiful hills and waterways cradle the towns of Iuka and Tishomingo. See the glorious Tennessee River from the towering bluff of **J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK** before visiting **TISHOMINGO STATE PARK**, home to the **SWINGING BRIDGE** (as seen on the cover). Visit **MINERAL SPRINGS PARK**, whose water won first prize at the St. Louis World Fair in 1904, and marvel at the historic **IUKA COVERED BRIDGE**. The 807-foot-tall **WOODALL MOUNTAIN**, the highest point in the state, offers bragging rights—no one has to know you drove up. Try a geocaching virtual scavenger hunt with the help of the **TISHOMINGO COUNTY TOURISM OFFICE**. Romantics should visit the **OLD TISHOMINGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE MUSEUM**, which commemorates Iuka’s reign as “Marriage Capital of the South”—it was one of the first spots across the state line for elopers to take advantage of Mississippi’s then-unusual no-wait marriage licenses.



Head south to Elvis Presley’s hometown

TUPELO

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The **ELVIS PRESLEY BIRTHPLACE AND MUSEUM** is the perfect place to begin your Tupelo journey through the life of the “King of Rock ‘n’ Roll”: the **ELVIS BIRTHPLACE**, **ELVIS PRESLEY PARK** and **ELVIS PRESLEY MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL CHAPEL** are all onsite. Visit the family-owned **TUPELO HARDWARE COMPANY**, where Gladys Presley bought her son his first guitar for his 11th birthday—and since they still sell instruments today, you can pick one up for your own budding star. Learn more about Presley’s connection to his hometown on the **ELVIS’ TUPELO DRIVING TOUR** or the **SELF-GUIDED BICYCLE TOUR**, both of which cover 14 sites important to the young “King.” After your Elvis pilgrimage, explore Tupelo’s thriving arts scene, featuring workshops and art demos at the **CARON GALLERY** and **OFF THE WALL MURAL PROJECT**. The stage is set for a memorable stay at the trendy and elegant new **HOTEL TUPELO**.



Self-Guided Bicycle Tour



Hotel Tupelo



Continue south to wander in the area known as the Pines—home to Aberdeen, Columbus and Starkville



ABERDEEN

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Aberdeen, situated on the scenic 234-mile-long Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, fuses architectural masterpieces and the great outdoors. Affectionately referred to by locals as the “Tenn-Tom,” the river’s banks and picturesque 80-foot bluffs are home to the **BLUE BLUFF RECREATION AREA**—the perfect place for hiking, fishing, camping, swimming, sunbathing or simply savoring nature. Once you’re back in town, take the **ABERDEEN ARCHITECTURAL DRIVING TOUR** to explore historic sites including the 1850 **MAGNOLIAS OF ABERDEEN** home and the 1863 Italianate residence **SHADOWLAWN**. Beyond estates and scenery, the town boasts a lively entertainment district, including the 1937 **ELKIN THEATRE**, which shows movies every Friday and Saturday night and hosts occasional live performances. The Mississippi Blues Trail passes through town; follow it to see a colorful blues mural featuring iconic local bluesman **BUKKA WHITE**.

COLUMBUS

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Columbus is billed as “The City That Has It All,” and after you see its magnificent architecture, rich musical legacy and sweeping Black Prairie landscape, you’ll know why. Start your tour of the city at the immaculately restored **TENNESSEE WILLIAMS HOUSE MUSEUM AND WELCOME CENTER**, a former rectory and the childhood home of the legendary playwright. Williams’ fellow literary legend Eudora Welty was educated in Columbus at the **MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN**, the nation’s first public college for women. Williams’ and Welty’s literary achievements earned Columbus a spot on the **SOUTHERN LITERARY TRAIL**, but that’s not the only celebratory trail passing through town. Columbus boasts four markers on the Mississippi Blues Trail, including **CATFISH ALLEY**, once a hub for African American business and social life, and the former site of Queen City Hotel, which hosted musical greats like Duke Ellington and James Brown. **FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY** was the site of the nation’s first Memorial Day observation in 1866; there’s more military history at **COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE**, where one-third of all U.S. Air Force pilots complete their initial training. Art lovers should make time for the **ROSENZWEIG ARTS CENTER** to peruse local artwork, and nature lovers can take the four-mile **COLUMBUS RIVERWALK**, which begins on Main Street in the historic downtown before winding along the **TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY**.



Columbus Riverwalk



Mississippi University for Women



Tennessee Williams House Museum and Welcome Center

STARKVILLE

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Dubbed “Stark Vegas,” Starkville is home to **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**—and the 2021 College World Series National Baseball Champions—and hosts events as wide-ranging as SEC sporting events, artistic performances and first-class speaking engagements. On campus, visitors can delve into a best-selling author’s career in the **JOHN GRISHAM ROOM AND ARCHIVES** or explore one of America’s most extensive compilations of Abraham Lincoln documents, photographs and artifacts at the **FRANK AND VIRGINIA WILLIAMS COLLECTION OF LINCOLNIANA**. The **ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY** contains a treasure trove of correspondence, research notes, photographs and more that offer a look at the 18th United States president’s life. The **MSU WELCOME CENTER** is home to **CULLIS AND GLADYS WADE CLOCK MUSEUM**, which collects unique and historically-significant 18th-century clocks and timepieces. State-of-the-art conference facilities are available at **THE MILL AT MSU**, a 1902 cotton mill-turned-modern event venue; the **MSU CHEESE STORE** is known for its three-pound Edam cheese cannonball. When hunger calls, delectable options include **TWO BROTHERS SMOKED MEATS**, **TASTE ITALIAN KITCHEN** (which offers a special tailgate menu) or margaritas and Mexican cuisine at **HUMBLE TACO**. Shop or stroll your way through the historic downtown, around the **COTTON DISTRICT**, and downtown under the twinkling **LIGHTS ON LAFAYETTE** LED installation.



Mississippi State University



Taste Italian Kitchen

CLEVELAND

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Cleveland is one of the Delta's artistic capitals. The **GRAMMY MUSEUM® MISSISSIPPI**, located on the campus of **DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY**, uses interactive exhibits to tell the history of music and the many contributions of Mississippians to the industry. Delta State also houses the **BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**, a top local venue for traveling acts, including nationally known artists and Broadway tours. Feast your eyes at the **MATHEWS-SANDERS SCULPTURE GARDEN**, which has such an expansive collection of sculptures by nationally renowned artists that they spill out onto the grounds of the university. Hear live blues at **DOCKERY FARMS**, a music venue housed in a repurposed cotton gin. The **MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM TRAIL** leads travelers across the state to sites important to the lives and careers of leading civil rights figures, including the **AMZIE MOORE HOUSE**. The **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT** offers historical sites and the chance to wander through downtown's many shops. Eat up at burger paradise **HEY JOE'S** or the award-winning barbecue and tamale mecca **AIRPORT GROCERY**. Rest your head at the **LYRIC HOTEL WEST END**, an elegant new spot that brings world-class luxury accommodations to the Delta.

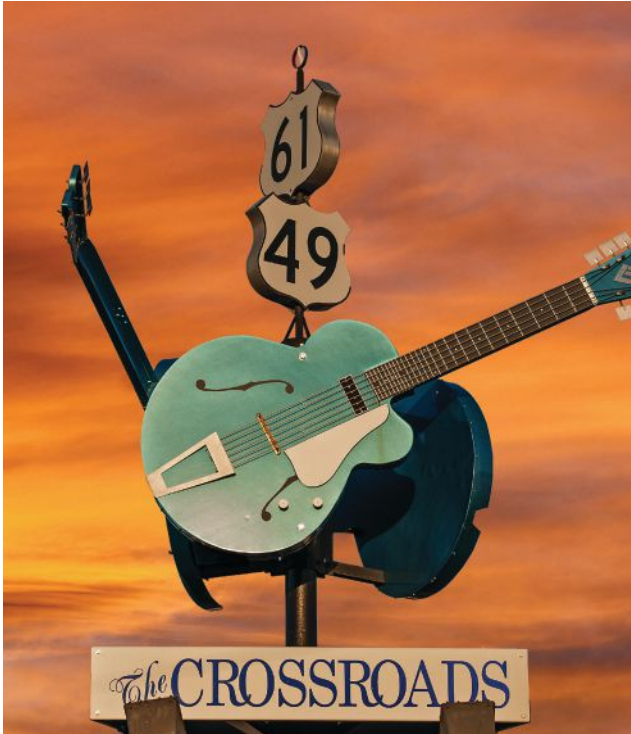


Airport Grocery

Mathews-Sanders Sculpture Garden



GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi



Wander back west to explore the vast Mississippi Delta

CLARKSDALE

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Blues began at the **CROSSROADS OF HIGHWAYS 61 AND 49** in Clarksdale, where bluesman Robert Johnson allegedly sold his soul to the devil to become a musical great. Today, music aficionados from around the world flock to Clarksdale to hear the blues seven nights a week in juke joints like **GROUND ZERO BLUES CLUB**, co-owned by actor Morgan Freeman. Shop for blues souvenirs at **CAT HEAD DELTA BLUES & FOLK ART** and explore the visual art of bluesman Stan Street at **HAMBONE ART AND MUSIC**. The only Clarksdale attraction that rivals the blues ambiance is the eclectic food scene. Start off at the **DUTCH OVEN**, where you can sample authentic Mennonite pastries. **LEVON'S BAR & GRILL** builds on Southern classics, and **HICKS' WORLD FAMOUS TAMALES** is just one of the Clarksdale stops on the **MISSISSIPPI DELTA HOT TAMALES TRAIL**. Rest and recharge at one of the area's unique hotels and bed and breakfasts, like **HOPSON PLANTATION** or **THE LOFTS AT THE FIVE AND DIME**. Keep the elegant 1916 **CUTRER MANSION**, site of the **MISSISSIPPI DELTA TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL**, in mind for special events.

B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center



INDIANOLA

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Before he was a blues icon, B.B. King was an Indianola local. Learn more about his life and career at the **B.B. KING MUSEUM AND DELTA INTERPRETIVE CENTER**, which puts King in the context of the history of the Delta that shaped his early years. No need to be blue around mealtimes. **THE CROWN** restaurant opened in 1976 and has since been serving crowd-pleasing dishes like their famed "Catfish Allison." **THE BLUE BISCUIT** offers sumptuous Southern favorites including its famous pulled pork, and desserts are available at **INDIANOLA PECAN HOUSE** along with pecans in any format you desire. Take in tunes and tipples at **BLUE BISCUIT BUNGALOWS**.

GREENWOOD

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Greenwood is the nearest town to **MONEY ROAD**, a ten-mile stretch of blacktop by the Tallahatchie River that gives access to the notorious bridge from Bobbie Gentry's folk song "Ode to Billy Joe." More iconic locales can be found around town. The critically-acclaimed movie *The Help* was filmed in Greenwood, and tours of sites from the film are available. The natural treasures of the region are on full display in the 45 acres of forest habitat at the **YAZOO RIVER TRAIL AND ARBORETUM**, as well as the nearby banks of the Yazoo River. For meals, you have your choice of artisanal cuisine at **FAN & JOHNNY'S** or the comfort food joys of **THE CRYSTAL GRILL**, home of the mile-high meringue pie. Family-owned **SERIO'S RISTORANTE** offers Sicilian recipes handed down from the current operator's grandfather. Once your belly is full, feed your mind at **TURNROW BOOKS**, which has hosted Booker Prize and Pulitzer Prize winners, among many others. Consider a stay at **THE ALLUVIAN HOTEL**, a charming but upscale hotel that offers an award-winning spa as well as the **VIKING COOKING SCHOOL**, where visitors are transformed into sous-chefs.



The Help



Yazoo River Trail and Arboretum



Fan & Johnny's

GRENADA

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The **GRENADA VISITOR'S CENTER** is your first stop to learn about the area's outdoor attractions. Fish, ski or boat on the 36,000-acre **GRENADA LAKE**, known as the best crappie lake in America and home of the three-pound crappie. For landlubbers, the **LOST BLUFF HIKING TRAIL** provides panoramic views of the lake. The **LEE TARTT NATURE PRESERVE** winds through more than 300 acres of bottomland hardwood forests and oxbow lakes and provides access to the **YALOBUSHA RIVER PADDLING TRAIL**, which offers kayaking, hiking and wildlife observation. Nearby **HUGH WHITE STATE PARK** is home to the **DOGWOODS GOLF COURSE** along with camping and other outdoor amenities. The revitalized downtown area features shops, restaurants and three markers on the **MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL**.

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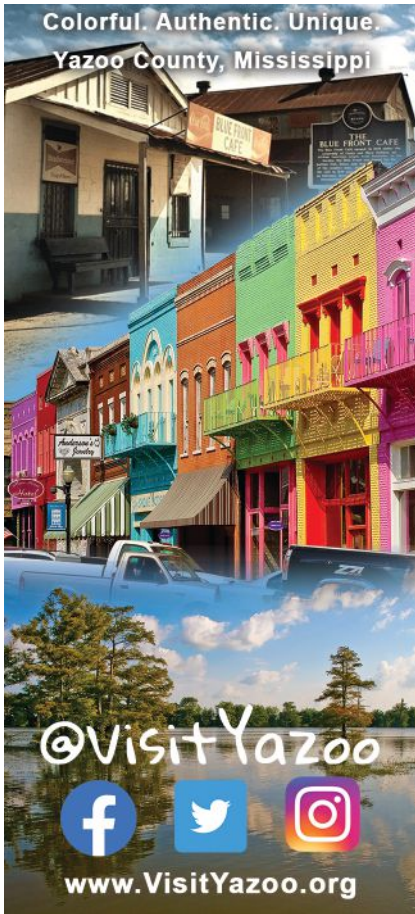

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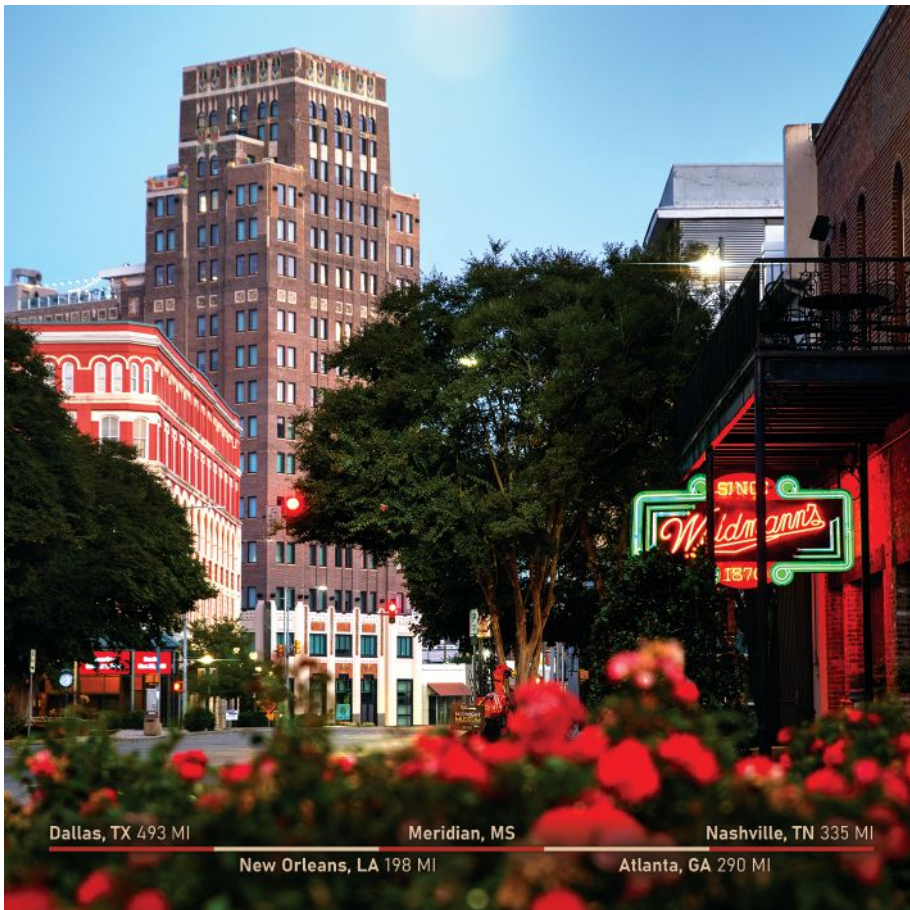
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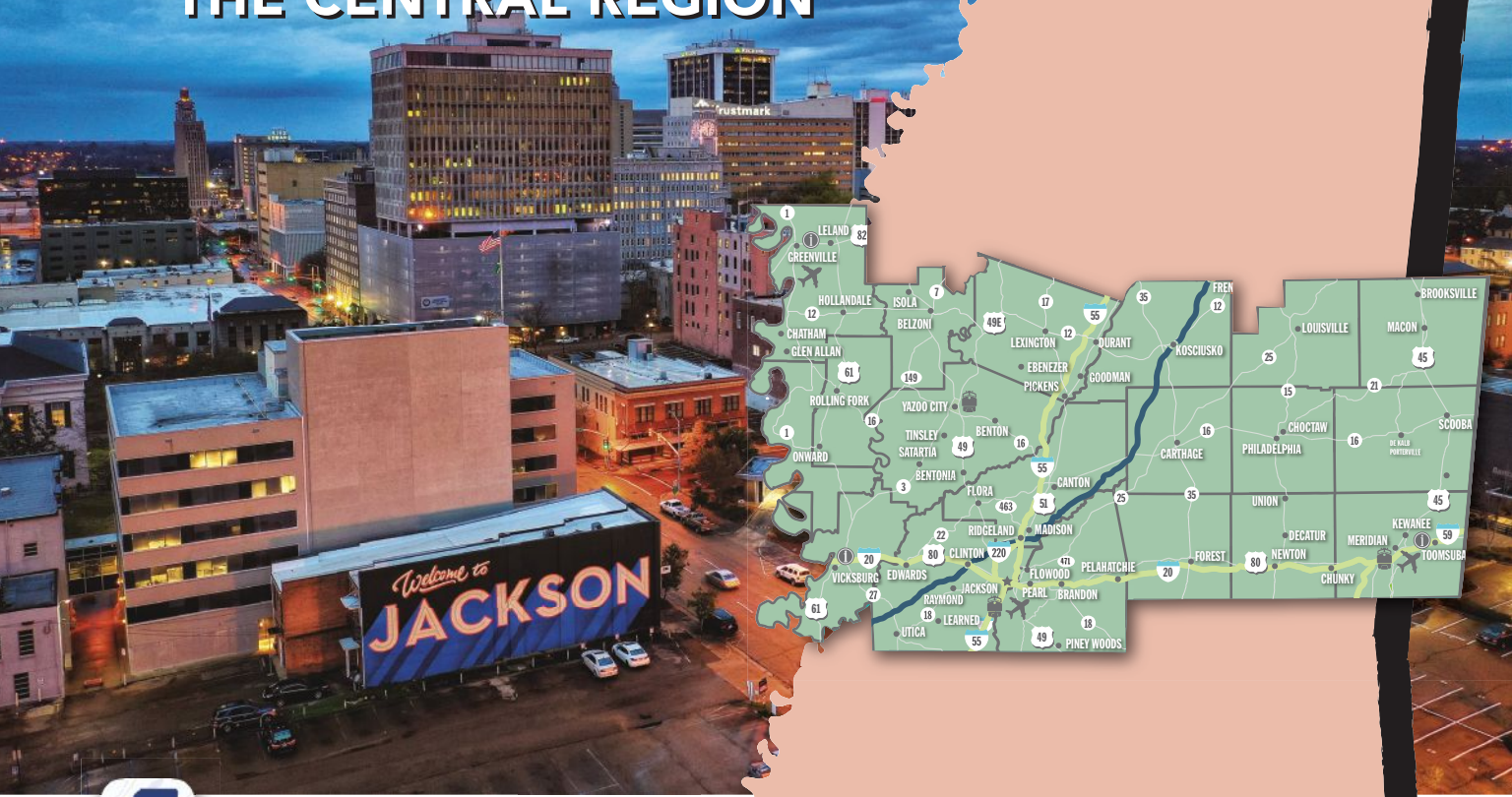
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Begin wandering through the Central region in the Delta, starting with Greenville



GREENVILLE

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People have been drawn to Greenville's location along the Mississippi River for thousands of years. Explore the area's indigenous history at **WINTERVILLE MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK**, whose 12 Native American-built mounds include the 55-foot-tall **TEMPLE MOUND**, one of the highest man-made structures of the pre-contact Mississippi Valley. Established in the mid-19th century, **THE BELMONT 1857** is a stately 9,000 square-foot historic home and the last of its kind along the northern Delta portion of the Mississippi River. The area's rich history and culture is curated in the museums along the **DELTA MUSEUM MILE**, which cover topics as diverse as the Delta's residents themselves. Commune with towering ancient trees at the **GREENVILLE CYPRESS PRESERVE**. Greenville is one of the state's top tamale-producing centers; time your visit to enjoy the **DELTA HOT TAMALE FESTIVAL** in October or order a plate at the ever-popular **DOE'S EAT PLACE**. Take in the action at **HARLOW'S CASINO RESORT** and **TROP CASINO GREENVILLE**. Swing through nearby Leland to learn about the local flora and fauna at the **MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE HERITAGE MUSEUM**, then visit the **BIRTHPLACE OF THE FROG** museum for a window into the life and times of America's favorite animated amphibian, Kermit.

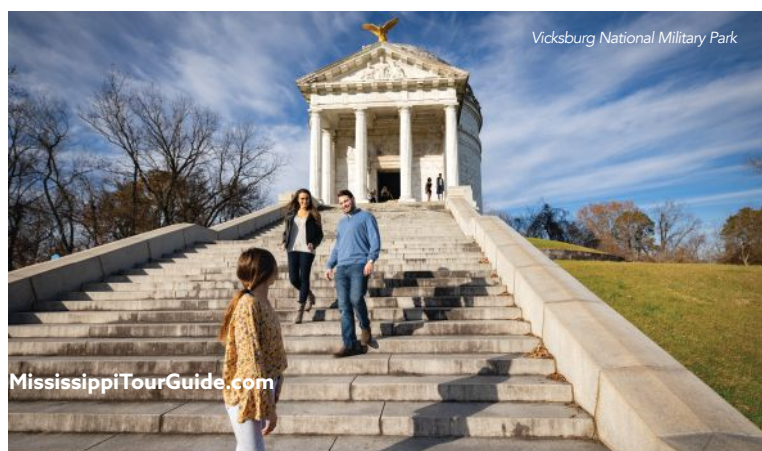


Continue your Delta journey heading southwest

YAZOO COUNTY

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The lazy **YAZOO RIVER** marks the southern border of the Mississippi Delta. Its floodplain is rich with life—both on the area's many farms and in the **PANTHER SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**, which is part of the **THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX**. Leave flowers at the graves of beloved *My Dog Skip* author Willie Morris, as well as (if you dare) the legendary "Witch of Yazoo" at **GLENWOOD CEMETERY**. Architecture enthusiasts should take in the ornate Victorian and Queen Anne-style homes in the **TOWN CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**, named as one of the "Best Old House Neighborhoods" in the South by *This Old House* magazine, as well as the unique Beaux-Arts architectural style of Mississippi's oldest public library still in use, **RICKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**. In nearby Benton, the still-active **OAK GROVE AME CHURCH** commemorates where Martin Luther King, Jr. rested during the Civil Rights March of 1966. Benton, in southern Yazoo County, is home to the oldest juke joint in Mississippi that is still in daily operation, the **BLUE FRONT CAFE**, where the unique and haunting Benton style of blues can still be heard.



Take MS Hwy. 3 south to Vicksburg

VICKSBURG

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The siege and fall of Vicksburg, coined the "Key to the South," was one of the climactic points of the Civil War. Anyone interested in this compelling chapter of the nation's history will marvel at the **VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK**, the **VICKSBURG CIVIL WAR MUSEUM** and **PEMBERTON'S HEADQUARTERS**, which was occupied by the Confederate general while fighting the Union's 47-day attack on the city. Follow up with a lighter time at the **BIEDENHARN COCA-COLA MUSEUM** to refresh yourself and learn about all-things Coca-Cola. Keep learning at the **JESSE BRENT LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM** featuring in-depth and interactive displays about the mighty river's history and the **CATFISH ROW MUSEUM**—an homage to the city's vibrant music, history, storytelling, foods, places of worship and visual arts. Hit the gaming action at **WATERVIEW CASINO AND HOTEL** and **BALLY'S VICKSBURG**, or for family fun, check out the facilities at **SPORTS FORCE PARKS ON THE MISSISSIPPI**. Rest your head at **DUFF GREEN MANSION**, **ANCHUCA HISTORIC MANSION AND INN** or one of the many other historic homes that now welcome guests to the city.

Head east towards the capital city of Jackson, and then wander through the metro area, comprising Clinton, Ridgeland, Canton, Flowood, Pearl and Brandon.

JACKSON

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Visitors to Jackson, Mississippi's vibrant capital, are greeted with Southern hospitality and countless impressive attractions. "The City With Soul" is so rich in must-see museums that there's a multi-use **MUSEUM TRAIL** connecting the **MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MARKET** to the **LEFLEUR MUSEUM DISTRICT**. This bustling district houses the **MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**, a hands-on learning and exploring hub for Mississippi's youngest residents and visitors; the **MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE**—a Jackson mainstay featuring permanent fossil and natural history exhibits, as well as a 100,000-gallon aquarium filled with Mississippi fish, snakes, alligators and turtles; the **MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME**, a celebration of the state's best athletes and their record-breaking achievements; and the 40-acre **MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MUSEUM**. Within the district you will also find **LEFLEUR'S BLUFF EDUCATION AND TOURISM COMPLEX**, which boasts a new state-of-the-art playground. The Museum Trail also connects you to some of downtown Jackson's museums, including the **MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM** and the **MUSEUM OF MISSISSIPPI HISTORY**, collectively known as the **TWO MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS**, which house interactive exhibits that dig deep into Mississippi's history and the movement that changed the nation. Downtown is also home to the **OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM**, the **MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART**, the **SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM** and the **INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF MUSLIM CULTURES**.

There's even more to see outside the central museum districts. The **CIVIL RIGHTS AND AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DRIVING TOUR**, the **MEDGAR AND MYRLIE EVERS HOME NATIONAL MONUMENT**, the **MARGARET WALKER CENTER** and the **FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT** transport visitors through the Civil Rights Movement as it unfurled in one of its major epicenters. The **EUDORA WELTY HOUSE AND GARDEN** peeks into the life and legacy of the beloved Mississippi author and Jackson fixture.

The arts come alive at **THALIA MARA HALL**, which proudly presents regular showcases by the **MISSISSIPPI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, **BALLET MISSISSIPPI** and the **MISSISSIPPI OPERA** along with the return of the **INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION** in 2023. Also known as the USA IBC, this two-week Olympic-style dance competition is one of the world's most prestigious dance events. Touring and local productions dazzle audiences here and at Belhaven's **NEW STAGE THEATRE**.

After sampling the shops in Fondren, dine at **WALKER'S DRIVE IN**, seafood spot **SALTINE** or **ROOSTER'S**. You'll work up an appetite perusing **HIGHLAND VILLAGE'S** unique selection of boutique stores, so enjoy a meal at Italian eatery **BRAVO!**, Thai and sushi joint **TUK TUK BOOM** or upscale steak and seafood spot **CHAR**. Shopping and dining options continue in the **DISTRICT AT EASTOVER**, home to the many options at **CULTIVATION FOOD HALL** and the pizza and ice cream at **SAL & MOOKIE'S**. In Belhaven, visit **LOU'S FULL SERV** for locally-sourced dishes or **BELHAVEN TOWN CENTER'S** upscale all-day café **ELVIE'S**. Downtown dining options include **HAL & MAL'S**, where you can also find live music most nights, **ESTELLE WINE BAR & BISTRO** and many others.

Jackson's packed events calendar includes the **DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO** each February, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi, showcasing majestic animals and talented riders. **HAL'S ST. PADDY'S PARADE** rolls through downtown each March, and the **MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL** in August celebrates the joy of reading with national, regional and local authors.

Art lovers can use the Visit Jackson-curated Google map to explore the area's public art, including murals, sculpture and even painted signal boxes across the city, with concentrations in the Fondren, Belhaven, Downtown and Midtown neighborhoods.



LeFleur's Bluff Education and Tourism Complex



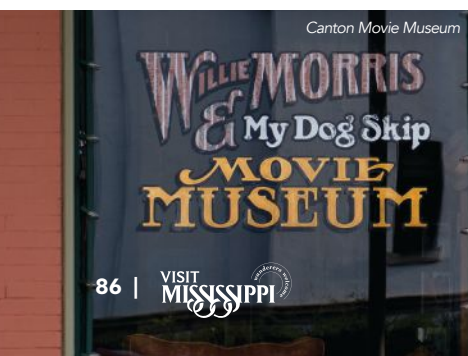
Mississippi Museum of Art

CANTON

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Canton's picturesque looks have brought it to prominence as "Mississippi's Movie Capital," and the **CANTON MOVIE MUSEUM**, located downtown on the **HISTORIC COURTHOUSE SQUARE**, is full of movie trivia and little-known facts. Stay on the square to browse local shops and spend some time learning the town's story at the **CANTON MUSEUM OF HISTORY**. The city is also a destination for events, with at least one marquee event each season. Twice a year, in May and October, the **CANTON FLEA MARKET** draws an estimated 1,000 artists and craftsmen from around the country to display their wares. Each summer, **MISSISSIPPI CHAMPIONSHIP HOT AIR BALLOON RACE** fills the skies with bright, beautiful balloons, and around the holidays the **CANTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** sets the town aglow with more than 200,000 twinkling lights.

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Canton Movie Museum

CLINTON

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Just minutes from the Mississippi capital, charming Clinton is worlds away from Jackson's busy bustle: even the **CLINTON VISITOR CENTER** is located in a 19th-century-inspired farmhouse, complete with an expansive porch, rocking chairs and a picnic area on the grounds. Rent a bike at the **OLDE TOWNE DEPOT** and follow the red brick streets of the **OLDE TOWNE HISTORIC DISTRICT**, stopping to visit galleries featuring works by local artists **WYATT WATERS** and **DR. SAMUEL GORE**. While there, be sure to check out the **BIKES OF OLDE TOWNE** project, which includes more than 20 vintage bicycles that were painted by local artists. The nearby **LIONS CLUB PARK** is a favorite among the locals of all ages for its inclusive play, music garden and picnic pavilion. After enjoying a walking tour of the beautiful **MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE** campus, stroll through the miles of shaded trails, play forest and fern gully at the **CLINTON COMMUNITY NATURE CENTER**.

FLOWOOD AND BRANDON

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Flowood is a prime shopping destination brimming with stores and boutiques for any taste. A visit to the "**FOUR CORNERS**"—including the shopping centers **DOGWOOD FESTIVAL MARKET**, **MARKET STREET**, **THE PROMENADE** and **LAKELAND COMMONS**—promises perfect purchases for everyone on your list, plus maybe a couple of items for yourself. Beyond shopping, Flowood offers excellent chances for outdoor recreation, thanks to facilities including **WINNER'S CIRCLE PARK** and the **FLOWOOD NATURE PARK**. **SHERATON FLOWOOD THE REFUGE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER** is home to the newly-renovated **REFUGE GOLF COURSE**, whose updated facilities have confirmed its title as the "best public golf course in the state." Nearby Brandon offers a star-studded schedule at the open-air **BRANDON AMPHITHEATER**, which presents concerts by big-name musicians like Dave Matthews Band, Kenney Chesney, Chicago and Chris Stapleton.



RIDGELAND

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Energetic Ridgeland offers miles of opportunities for fun, sports and exploration along the city's **MULTI-USE TRAILS**, **MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**, **BMX TRACK** and the **NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY**. Those happier on the water can boat and fish on the nearby 33,000-acre **BARNETT RESERVOIR**. Ridgeland's over 150 restaurants, many locally-owned and offering live weekly entertainment, can satisfy any appetite. Ridgeland is also a shopping destination, with some of the state's most stylish and fashionable retail venues. The **BILL WALLER CRAFT CENTER**, home to the **CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD OF MISSISSIPPI**, showcases the work of Mississippi's top craftsmen and offers classes that share their knowledge and expertise in many different mediums. Ridgeland also hosts a number of acclaimed festivals. Music lovers will savor the **TOWNSHIP JAZZ FESTIVAL**, while **ART, WINE AND WHEELS**, with its included **SANTÉ SOUTH WINE FESTIVAL**, will fill your glass, your wall and your heart.



PEARL

Watch the **MISSISSIPPI BRAVES**, a minor-league branch of the Atlanta Braves, slug it out on the diamond at **TRUST-MARK PARK** in Pearl. Visitors to the 325,000-square-foot **OUTLETS OF MISSISSIPPI** can stock up on clothing, gifts, housewares and more, all at attractive outlet prices. Shop more at the **JINGLE BELL MARKET** that pops up each winter, and each spring the **PEARL DAY FESTIVAL** fills Trustmark Park with music, food and art.

*Now explore the piney area of the Central region.
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KOSCIUSKO

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Named after a globetrotting Polish general and birthplace of award-winning television personality Oprah Winfrey and civil rights trailblazer James Meredith, Kosciusko deserves a stop on your trip. Start at the **KOSCIUSKO MUSEUM AND VISITORS CENTER** for a warm welcome and an introduction to the town, then head to the **KOSCIUSKO HISTORIC DISTRICT**, the charming downtown area filled with beautiful homes, shops and restaurants. Don't miss the **ATTALA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**, a Mississippi landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and keep an eye out for colorful, eye-catching murals honoring and celebrating the history and people of Kosciusko.

Attala County Courthouse



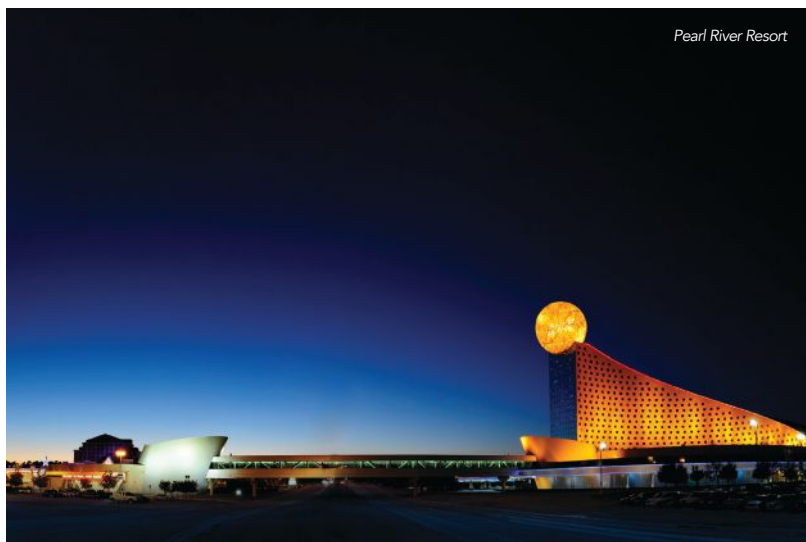
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Philadelphia, in the heart of the old American Choctaw territory, offers visitors a mix of Native traditions and modern amenities. The history and culture of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is preserved and on display at the **CHAHTA IMMI CULTURAL CENTER**. Each summer, the tribe also presents the **CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR**, which combines classic American fair activities like rides and pageants with celebrations of Choctaw traditions. The **NESHOPA COUNTY FAIR™**, known as Mississippi's Giant Houseparty™, is an event that draws in thousands of people from all over to converge on Philadelphia for a full week of food, music, horseracing and carnival rides. Grown-up fun can be had at **PEARL RIVER RESORT'S** two casinos, **GOLDEN MOON** and **SILVER STAR**, or with a round at **DANCING RABBIT GOLF CLUB'S** nationally ranked courses. Kids can cool off at **GEYSER FALLS WATER THEME PARK** before the whole family picks up souvenirs and delicious hoop cheese at the family-owned-and-operated **WILLIAMS BROTHERS GENERAL STORE**, built in 1907.

Pearl River Resort



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Head southeast for your final stop in the Central region.

MERIDIAN

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Meridian, the “Queen City,” punches far above its weight in culture and history. The emerging museum scene is a special point of pride. The state-of-the-art **MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM-MERIDIAN** captivates parents and children alike. Step back in time at the **MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE MUSEUM** at **HISTORIC SOULÉ STEAM FEED WORKS**. Home to the last remaining U.S. steam engine factory, the museum hosts an annual **MAKER FAIRE** in April and the **SOULÉ STEAM FESTIVAL** in November. Speaking of festivals, the **JIMMIE RODGERS MUSIC FESTIVAL** is America's longest-running and takes place the second week of May. Be sure to check out the **JIMMIE RODGERS MUSEUM** as well. The performing arts have a star Meridian venue in the 1889 grand opera house, now restored as the **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY RILEY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS & EDUCATION**.

Those interested in a self-guided tour through the town's history can follow the **MERIDIAN CIVIL WAR TRAIL**, with its exploration of General Sherman's raid through the town, and the **MERIDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL**, connecting important spots that were integral in the fight for civil rights. Architecture fans will marvel at **MERREHOPE**, a Greek Revival mansion dating back to 1858 that hosts the annual **TREES OF CHRISTMAS** event each winter, as well as the **THREEFOOT HOTEL**, which occupies a historic 16-story Art Deco building that has undergone a complete renovation that preserved many original features and finishes. (The unusual name comes from a Jewish immigrant family whose German name, Dreyfuss, translated to “Threefoot.”)

The Threefoot name is also preserved at **THREEFOOT BREWING**, the perfect spot for a juicy burger and a locally-crafted beer, and April's **THREEFOOT FESTIVAL**, which comprises an antique car show, art car parade, art vendors, 5k and 10k run, food trucks and a day-long silent film festival. For fun in the sun head for **BONITA LAKES PARK**, a lightly developed outdoor haven which has three lakes and miles of nature trails for horseback riding, hiking and biking. Nearby **OKATIBBEE LAKE** offers camping, swimming and hunting in the surrounding woods.



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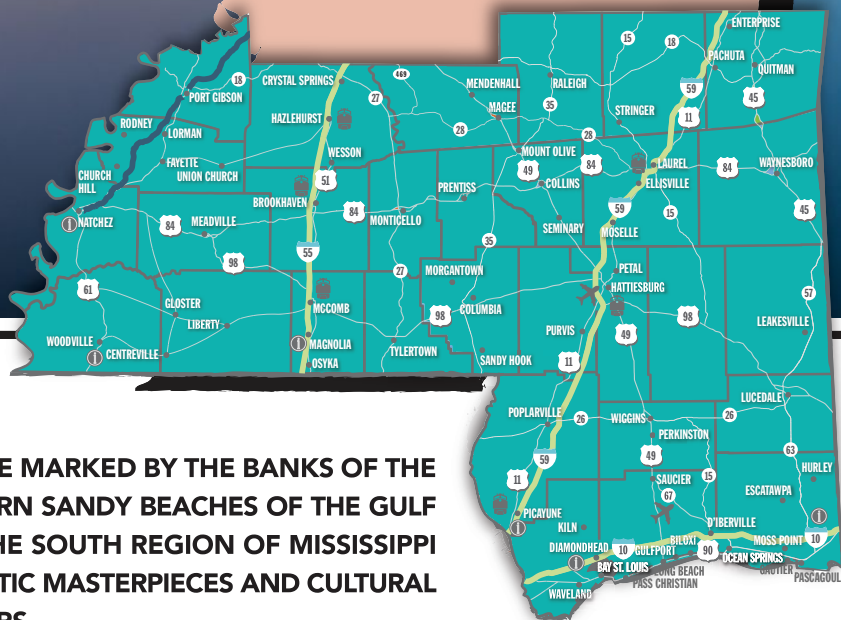
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Begin wandering the South Region in Natchez, perched on the Mississippi River Bluff



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NATCHEZ

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At 306 years old, historic and beautiful Natchez is the oldest city on the Mississippi River. Take advantage of its magnificent location by taking in views of the river from **BLUFF PARK** or the **NATCHEZ TRAILS**—or really get the best seat with a tethered hot air balloon ride during the weekend-long **NATCHEZ BALLOON FESTIVAL**, which draws balloon pilots from around the country. History and architecture fans from far and wide caravan to the **SPRING AND FALL PILGRIMAGES** to tour more than a dozen immaculately maintained historic properties—many of which now operate as B&Bs. Among the finest of these is **DUNLEITH**, home to a restaurant and one of Mississippi's oldest magnolia trees. Tour the never-completed **LONGWOOD**, North America's largest octagonal home, and **ST. MARY BASILICA**, a Gothic Revival masterpiece that's one of the finest Catholic churches in the South. Explore the historic downtown district with **SOUTHERN CARRIAGE TOURS**, whose tours meander through the neighborhood for a leisurely exploration of the city's treasures. Beautiful markers stand over the graves at **NATCHEZ CITY CEMETERY**. The **NATCHEZ MUSEUM OF AFRICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE** and **TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL** tell the story of multicultural impacts that have contributed to Natchez's diverse culture. During **CHRISTMAS IN NATCHEZ**, the historic wonderland drapes itself in lights and garlands, welcoming visitors for a full calendar of festive activities.



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BROOKHAVEN

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Brookhaven is an architecture buff's treasure. The **HISTORIC VICTORIAN DISTRICT** is home to stately Victorian mansions, and **HISTORIC WHITWORTH COLLEGE**—now home to the **MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**, a high school for artistically talented youth—features buildings dating as far back as 1883. Brookhaven's **RAILROAD PARK** is home to the **FOSTER-SMITH LOG CABIN**, built from hand-hewn logs beginning in 1820. A former synagogue dating back to 1896 houses the **LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL AND JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM**, and a historic train depot has been converted into the **MILITARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM**, which houses artifacts from as early as the WWI era. **JANIE'S PASTRY SHOP & BAKERY**, a local favorite for over 80 years, is your stop for house-made donuts, cookies and cinnamon rolls. Plan to take in a performance by the **BROOKHAVEN LITTLE THEATRE**—one of the oldest continuously running community theater companies in the state.



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LAUREL

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Laurel's star turn came courtesy of the hit HGTV show *Home Town*, starring Erin and Ben Napier. The town certainly has the looks for fame—the lovely **LAUREL HISTORIC DISTRICT'S** towering oaks line avenues surrounded by 100-year-old mansions. Grab one of the dozens of glass-bottle sodas and browse Ben's handmade wood workings at **SCOTSMAN GENERAL STORE & WOODSHOP**. The beauty-loving town is home to the state's first art museum, the **LAUREN ROGERS MUSEUM OF ART**, established in 1923 and now home to diverse art collections. Other museums in town include **LANDRUM'S HOMESTEAD AND VILLAGE**, designed after a late-1800s village and includes a smokehouse and a shooting gallery, and a **VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM** paying tribute to veterans and servicemembers. For outdoor fun, **DESOTO NATIONAL FOREST** teems with pines and wildflowers, and 882-acre **LAKE BOGUE HOMA** is the largest fishing lake managed by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. There are also lovely parks in town, like **LEONTYNE PRICE MUSICAL PARK** and **TRUSTMARK ART PARK** (named for the hometown operatic diva) and the well-appointed **MASON PARK**, with an amphitheater, dog park and acres of green space.

Begin wandering South on I-55

HATTIESBURG

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Hattiesburg's **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI** is home to the 800-bush, 36-species **ALL-AMERICAN ROSE GARDEN**. While on campus, start your exploration of the area's civil rights history with a **MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM TRAIL** marker honoring **CLYDE KENNARD**, then follow the **FREEDOM SUMMER TRAIL** for a guided audio tour depicting tales of Freedom Summer 1964 and the Civil Rights Movement. **WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY** hosts the **SARAH ELLEN GILLESPIE MUSEUM OF ART**, the state's most comprehensive collection of art by Mississippians. The city's creativity shines through the **HATTIESBURG PUBLIC ART TRAIL**, where you'll find murals and sculptures on almost every corner in town. The city's military traditions are interpreted at the **MISSISSIPPI ARMED FORCES MUSEUM** at Camp Shelby and the **AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM**. The **HATTIESBURG HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT** dates back to 1910 and was built in a grand Renaissance revival style, perfect for a few photos. Take in a show at the restored **SAENGER THEATER**. Animal lovers can watch the fauna at the **HATTIESBURG ZOO**—add on an encounter with a wallaby, sloth or emu. The 44-mile **LONGLEAF TRACE** offers a chance to commune with nature, and you can cool off afterwards with some local beers at **SOUTHERN PROHIBITION BREWING**.



Head South to Hwy. 90, and wander through the Gulf Coast

THE GULF COAST

COASTAL MISSISSIPPI | GULFCOAST.ORG

The 90 miles of Mississippi's Gulf Coast offer a thriving art scene, some of the best restaurants in the state, and easy access to nature and wildlife—all in addition to the thrills of casino action and seven-days-a-week nightlife.



Sand & Sea

There's no better place than the Mississippi Coast to experience and learn about the Gulf of Mexico. The brand-new, 80,000-square-foot **MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM** in Gulfport introduces visitors to native creatures of all stripes: alligators, stingrays, dolphins, otters and more. Learn even more at the **MARINE EDUCATION CENTER** in Ocean Springs, which offers self-guided tours and a pedestrian-friendly suspension bridge through a tidal marsh. The **GRAND BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE** in Moss Point explores the area's watery landscape—you'll know bayous from bays and savannas from swamps after an afternoon here. The **PASCAGOULA RIVER AUDUBON CENTER** offers a conservation-focused look at the Pascagoula, the longest free-flowing river in the United States. The **MISSISSIPPI SANDHILL CRANE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** in Gautier is the perfect place for hiking, photography and educational opportunities—all while watching these gray, long-necked birds, one of America's most successful conservation stories.

The coast also offers plenty of adventures on (and in!) the water. Kayak in Gautier with **ECO TOURS OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**; admire the sunset over Biloxi Bay during an excursion with **SOUTHERN COAST CRUISES**; or enjoy dinner with a view aboard the **BETSY ANN RIVERBOAT** in Biloxi. If you like to fish—or want to see if you like to fish—try a deep-sea fishing excursion or sign up for a **BILOXI SHRIMPING TRIP**. Hop aboard with **SHIP ISLAND EXCURSIONS** to explore **FORT MASSACHUSETTS**, an important staging ground for the Union capture of New Orleans. Ship Island is one of the six barrier islands in the **GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE**; its sister islands—**CAT ISLAND**, **DEER ISLAND**, **HORN ISLAND**, **ROUND ISLAND** and **PETIT BOIS ISLAND**—each offer something special and can be reached via private or charter boat for island sightseeing. Unspoiled **DEER ISLAND** can be reached with a quick jaunt with **ALL COAST WATER TAXIS**.



Seafood & Sips

Seafood is one of Mississippi's leading industries as well as a claim to fame; learn more about the seafood industry, its economic impact and the maritime heritage of the central Gulf Coast at the **MARITIME AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MUSEUM**. Make sure to check out the automatic shrimp peeler. You'll want to sample the area's seafood for yourself, and there are few better places than **MARY MAHONEY'S OLD FRENCH HOUSE**, a white-tablecloth Biloxi institution in a beautifully restored 18th-century building. Dine at **SHAGGY'S BILOXI BEACH** for a more casual seafood feast. Refresh yourself afterward with a glass at a local brewery—favorites include **CHANDELEUR ISLAND BREWING COMPANY**, **CRAFT ADVISORY BREWING**, **LOST SPRING BREWING COMPANY** and **LAZY MAGNOLIA BREWING COMPANY**—or hop on the mobile bicycle bar at **SLOW RIDE PEDAL TOURS** in Ocean Springs for a leisurely sip-and-ride.



Shearwater Pottery

Coast Culture

The entire Gulf Coast is a haven for creatives, and pretty, picturesque Ocean Springs hosts a particularly thriving arts scene. The **WALTER ANDERSON MUSEUM OF ART** highlights the life of the painter and naturalist and showcases his vibrant pictures of the coast's wildlife. Don't miss the breathtaking "little room." Nearby **SHEARWATER POTTERY** is a ceramics museum and workshop, displaying work by Walter's brother, Peter Anderson, and by his children, who continue to work in the style he pioneered. The **MARY C. O'KEEFE CULTURAL CENTER FOR ARTS AND EDUCATION** regularly hosts exhibits, classes and performances in a building decorated with 1937 WPA tile murals painted by James McConnell Anderson and fired by Peter Anderson. **THE ART HOUSE** proudly displays work by members of the Ocean Springs Art Association. Stop by the **CHARNLEY-NORWOOD HOUSE**, an early modernist structure resulting from a collaboration between Louis Sullivan, the father of the American skyscraper, and a young Frank Lloyd Wright. Art lovers eager to spend the night in the heart of the arts district can choose from **THE BEATNIK**, a new hotel featuring four modern, glass front cabins and private, lush outdoor showers, or **THE HEMINGWAY**, a boutique hotel in a historic bank building—both a short walk from the town's attractions.

Biloxi's Frank Gehry-designed **OHR-O'KEEFE MUSEUM OF ART** collects the gloriously eccentric work of potter George Ohr, the self-styled "Mad Potter of Biloxi," and hosts rotating exhibits by other artists. The nearby **DUSTI BONGÉ ART FOUNDATION** displays art by Mississippi's first abstract impressionist painter. Gulfport's **FISHBONE ALLEY**, chock-a-block with quirky murals, offers backdoor access to restaurants and bars, and the nearby **GULFPORT MUSEUM OF HISTORY** documents the coast's colorful past. A few miles up Highway 90, **OLD TOWN BAY ST. LOUIS** offers a plethora of antique shops, cafés, off-the-beaten-path galleries and more. Take in even more of the town's culture in the **BAY ST. LOUIS HISTORIC L&N TRAIN DEPOT**, which contains the **BAY ST. LOUIS MARDI GRAS MUSEUM** and the **ALICE MOSELEY FOLK ART MUSEUM**, honoring the painter and humorist who began her art career at 65.



Best Bets

The Coast's 12 top-rated casinos offer a full complement of gaming, dining, golf and spa relaxation. **BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO** brings you fine dining, electrifying live performances and an action-packed gaming floor. **PALACE CASINO RESORT** and **ISLAND VIEW CASINO** offer grand ocean views, excellent dining options and exciting slots and table games. Hit the links at **THE BRIDGES GOLF CLUB AT HOLLYWOOD CASINO** or treat yourself to a day of relaxation with the AAA Four-Diamond-rated amenities at **IP CASINO RESORT SPA**. High-stakes thrills—and endless fun—await gamers at **BOOMTOWN CASINO** and **HARRAH'S GULF COAST**.



Kids

The Coast is full of fun for the kiddos—and any adults along for the ride. A restored 1915 schoolhouse is home to **LYNN MEADOWS DISCOVERY CENTER**, where kids can drive a shrimp boat, explore outer space and scamper up the “Super Colossal Climbing Structure.” For a fast-paced outing, hit the **ZIP’N FUN ADVENTURE PARK**, with its tree-linking zip lines and tightropes; if something more chill is the order of the day, head for lazy rivers and waterslides at **GULF ISLANDS WATERPARK** in Gulfport and **MARGARITAVILLE RESORT** in Biloxi. Classic fun like go-karts, arcade games and bumper cars awaits at **THE BIG PLAY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**, and the 48-acre **CENTENNIAL PLAZA** offers activities for everyone in the family—right across from the Gulfport beaches.



Margaritaville Resort



Lynn Meadows Discovery Center



**SATISFY
YOUR
CRAVINGS**



**REACH
NEW
HEIGHTS**

**INSPIRE
YOUR
STAY**



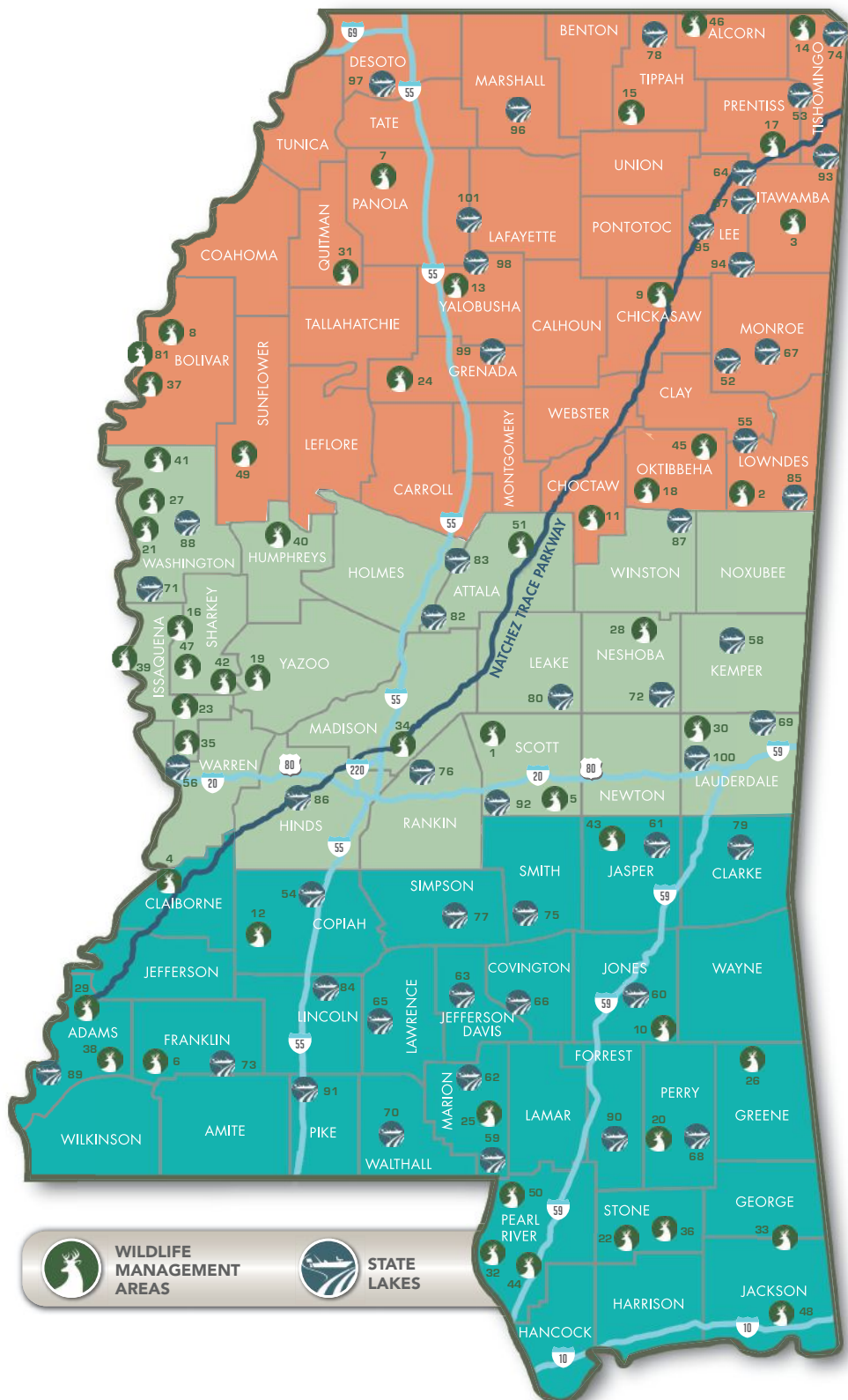
**GRAB
YOUR
GEAR**



HATTIESBURG, MS

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Wildlife Management Areas & State Lakes



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

1. BIENVILLE
2. BLACK PRAIRIE
3. CANAL SECTION
4. CANEMOUNT
5. CANEY CREEK
6. CASTON CREEK
7. CHARLES RAY NIX
8. CHARLIE CAPPS
9. CHICKASAW
10. CHICKASAWHAY
11. CHOCTAW
12. COPIAH COUNTY
13. COSSAR STATE PARK
14. DIVIDE SECTION
15. HELL CREEK
16. HOWARD MILLER
17. JOHN BELL WILLIAMS
18. JOHN W. STARR
MEMORIAL FOREST
19. LAKE GEORGE
20. LEAF RIVER
21. LEROY PERCY
22. LITTLE BILOXI
23. MAHANNAH
24. MALMAISON
25. MARION COUNTY
26. MASON CREEK
27. MUSCADINE FARMS
28. NANIH WAIYA
29. NATCHEZ
30. OKATIBBEE
31. O'KEEFE
32. OLD RIVER
33. PASCAGOULA RIVER
34. PEARL RIVER
35. PHIL BRYANT
36. RED CREEK
37. RIVERFRONT
38. SANDY CREEK
39. SHIPLAND
40. SKY LAKE
41. STONEVILLE
42. SUNFLOWER
43. TALLAHALA
44. THEODORE A. MARS, JR.
45. TRIM CANE
46. TUSCUMBIA
47. TWIN OAKS
48. WARD BAYOU
49. WILLIAM C. (BILLY) DEVINEY
50. WOLF RIVER
51. YOCKANOOKANY

MISSISSIPPI LAKES

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| 52. ABERDEEN LAKE | 64. LAKE LAMAR BRUCE |
| 53. BAY SPRINGS LAKE | 65. LAKE MARY CRAWFORD |
| 54. CALLING PANTHER
LAKE | 66. LAKE MIKE CONNER |
| 55. COLUMBUS LAKE | 67. LAKE MONROE |
| 56. EAGLE LAKE | 68. LAKE PERRY |
| 57. ELVIS PRESLEY LAKE | 69. LAKE TOM BAILEY |
| 58. KEMPER COUNTY
LAKE | 70. LAKE WALTHALL |
| 59. LAKE BILL WALLER | 71. LAKE WASHINGTON |
| 60. LAKE BOGUE HOMA | 72. NESHOBA COUNTY LAKE |
| 61. LAKE CLAUDE
BENNETT | 73. OKHISSA LAKE |
| 62. LAKE COLUMBIA | 74. PICKWICK LAKE |
| 63. LAKE JEFF DAVIS | 75. PRENTISS WALKER LAKE |
| | 76. ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR |
| | 77. SIMPSON COUNTY LAKE |
| | 78. TIPPACH COUNTY LAKE |

MISSISSIPPI STATE PARK LAKES

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| 79. CLARKCO | 87. LEGION |
| 80. GOLDEN MEMORIAL | 88. LEROY PERCY |
| 81. GREAT RIVER ROAD | 89. NATCHEZ |
| 82. STATE PARK LAKE
HOLMES COUNTY
(ENGLISH) | 90. PAUL B. JOHNSON |
| 83. HOLMES COUNTY
(ODUM) | 91. PERCY QUIN |
| 84. LAKE LINCOLN | 92. ROOSEVELT |
| 85. LAKE LOWNDES
STATE LAKE | 93. TISHOMINGO |
| 86. LEFLEUR'S BLUFF | 94. TOMBIGBEE |
| | 95. TRACE |
| | 96. WALL DOXEY |

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LAKES

97. ARKABUTLA LAKE
98. ENID LAKE
99. GRENADA LAKE
100. OKATIBBEE LAKE
101. SARDIS LAKE

For more information on Mississippi's Wildlife Management Areas, State Lakes and State Park lakes, visit mdwfp.com.

For more information on US Army Corps of Engineers lakes, visit **corpslakes.us**.

State Parks

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
601.432.2400 | 800.467.2757

ATV TRAIL	BOAT LAUNCH	CABINS	CAMPGROUND LAUNDRY	CAMP STORE	CANOE RENTAL	DISC GOLF	EQUESTRIAN TRAIL	FISHING	GOLF	GOLF VILLAS	GROUP CAMP	MARINA	MINI GOLF	MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL	NATURE TRAIL/HIKING	PICNIC AREA/SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	PLAYING FIELDS	RV CAMPGROUND	SPLASH PAD	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS	TENT CAMPGROUND	VISITOR/MEETING ROOMS	WATER SKIING
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NORTH REGION

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HOLLY SPRINGS WALL DOXEY			•	•	•			•		•					•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•
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CENTRAL REGION

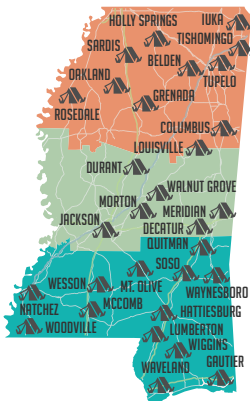
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SOUTH REGION

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Pat Harrison Waterway District

These county- and city-operated campgrounds are included in the overall chart of Mississippi campgrounds and are designated as public campgrounds. » 800.748.9403



SOUTH REGION

LUMBERTON LITTLE BLACK CREEK WATER PARK » 601.794.2957	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•													
MOUNT OLIVE DRY CREEK WATER PARK » 601.797.4619	•				•	•	•									•	•	•	•							
SOSO BIG CREEK WATER PARK » 601.763.8555	•	•	•	•	•	•	•								•	•			•	•				•		
WAYNESBORO MAYNOR CREEK WATER PARK » 601.735.4365	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									•			•	•				•		

CENTRAL REGION

DECATUR TURKEY CREEK WATER PARK » 601.635.3314	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ENTERPRISE DUNN'S FALLS WATER PARK » 601.665.8550	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
MERIDIAN OKATIBBEE WATER PARK » 601.737.2370											•	•	•	•					•	•						
QUITMAN ARCHUSA CREEK WATER PARK » 601.776.6956	•				•	•	•	•	•	•						•	•			•	•			•	•	•

BOATING	BOAT RENTAL	CABINS	CAMPING	FISHING	HIKING	LODGE HALL	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT	PICNICKING	PRIMITIVE AREA	RV AMPS (30/50)	SHELTER	WATER SKIING	SWIMMING	WATER SLIDE
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For more information on Mississippi State Parks, visit mdwfp.com.

For more information on Mississippi State Water Parks, visit phwd.net.

Coastal Preserves



The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' Coastal Preserves Program was developed in 1992 by authority of the Wetlands Protection Act. The program ensures the ecological health of Mississippi's coastal wetlands by acquiring, protecting and managing these sensitive ecosystems. Mississippi's Coastal Preserves program currently includes approximately 30,000 of the 72,000 acres of Mississippi's coastal wetlands.

	PARKING	RESTROOMS	TRAILS	FISHING	HUNTING	KIOSK	BEACHES	CAMPING*	LAND ACCESSIBLE	BOAT ACCESSIBLE
*PRIMITIVE CAMPING ON SAND BEACHES										
HANCOCK COUNTY MARSH COASTAL PRESERVE	●			●	●	●	●		●	●
GRAND BAYOU COASTAL PRESERVE					●				●	
BAYOU LACROIX COASTAL PRESERVE					●					●
JOURDAN RIVER COASTAL PRESERVE					●	●				●
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CAT ISLAND COASTAL PRESERVE					●			●		●
BILOXI RIVER COASTAL PRESERVE					●					●
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For more information on Coastal Preserves, visit dmr.ms.gov.

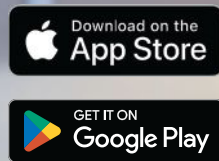
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Mississippi's Championship
Hot Air Balloon Fest



Pickin' On the Square



Gulf Coast Winter Classic Horse Show

Multi-month Events

YEAR-ROUND | CLARKSDALE LIVE MUSIC

7 NIGHTS A WEEK

Enjoy live blues music from various artists at different venues each night. View the weekly schedule on the Visit Clarksdale website.

662.627.6149
visitclarksdale.com

YEAR-ROUND | CORINTH PICKIN' ON THE SQUARE

Each Thursday evening local singers and musicians perform bluegrass and old time favorites in front of the Corinth courthouse.

662.287.8300
corinth.net

YEAR-ROUND | PEARL TRADE DAYS AT JONES CENTER FLEA MARKET

Open every Saturday (except Christmas) from dawn to dusk, this mostly open air flea market stretches across seven acres.

601.939.4131
tradedaysllc.com

YEAR-ROUND | RIDGELAND TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Catch your favorite big-name acts performing live on the lawn at Renaissance at Colony Park, held throughout the year.

888.818.7349
twilighttms.com

YEAR-ROUND | VICKSBURG VICKSBURG SECOND SATURDAY

Enjoy a series of unique and free events and activities in downtown Vicksburg the second Saturday of each month. Expect live music, performing arts, sidewalk sales and more.

601.883.9939
visitvicksburg.com

JANUARY 5-FEBRUARY 21 COASTWIDE

COASTAL MISSISSIPPI MARDI GRAS

Celebrate Mardi Gras across the Mississippi Gulf Coast with decorated floats, marching bands, beads and trinkets.

228.896.6699
gulfcoast.org

FEBRUARY 16-MARCH 26 GULFPORT

GULF COAST WINTER CLASSIC HORSE SHOW

This six-week United States Equestrian Foundation AA Rated Hunter-Jumper event has approximately 1,000 horses exhibiting and a free Sunday Grand Prix. This annual event is hosted at the award-winning Harrison County Equestrian Center.

228.832.3691
gulfcoastclassiccompany.com

MARCH 3-5 & OCTOBER 7-8, 12 & 14

WINONA HILL FIRE:

MISSISSIPPI'S FOLK LIFE PLAY
Hill Fire is a play produced semi-annually by the Montgomery County Arts Council. A new play is locally written each year from collected stories and written history and depicts the lives, history and traditions of Southerners and their families.

662.310.0199
hillfire.org

MARCH 11-APRIL 11 & SEPTEMBER TBD NATCHEZ

NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE

Natchez welcomes visitors to pilgrimages each spring and fall. Enjoy tours of the city's many preserved historic homes and unique evening events.

601.653.0919
natchezpilgrimage.com

MARCH 31-APRIL 1 | ABERDEEN ABERDEEN PILGRIMAGE

Wander through beautiful gardens, tour historic homes, view magnificent architecture and experience the timeless charm that is Aberdeen. Don't miss carriage rides and "Lies and Legends" cemetery tours.

662.369.9440
aberdienpilgrimage.com

JUNE 29-JULY 2 | CANTON MISSISSIPPI'S CHAMPIONSHIP HOT AIR BALLOON FEST

This annual event features fireworks, colorful hot air balloons, live entertainment and lots of family fun.

601.859.1307
cantontourism.com

JUNE 29-JULY 1 | BAY ST. LOUIS ANNUAL OUR LADY OF THE GULF CRAB FESTIVAL

Celebrate with local food, live music, arts & crafts booths, rides, raffles, crab races, a \$15,000 drawdown and more.

228.467.6509
olgchurch.net

JUNE 30-JULY 4 | GULFPORT MISSISSIPPI DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO

This fishing rodeo also includes carnival rides, daily fish weigh-ins, arts & craft vendors and a fireworks display.

228.697.4113
mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com

JULY-SEPTEMBER | NEW ALBANY WILLIAM FAULKNER LITERARY FESTIVAL

Celebrate Faulkner in his birthplace, New Albany. The lecture series begins in July and ends with an awards banquet and program for the winners of the Faulkner Literary Competition and the opening of the Faulkner and Folk Art Exhibit at the Union County Museum.

662.534.0041
williamfaulknerliterarycompetition.com



SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1

JACKSON

SANDERSON FARMS PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

An annual stop on the PGA TOUR, this golf tournament is held at the Country Club of Jackson and features professional players. The tournament raises money for Century Club Charities.

601.898.4653

sanderSONfarmschampionship.com

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

YAZOO CITY

YAZOO COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

This annual holiday celebration begins with the colorful lighting of Main Street in Yazoo City and also features multiple events during the season.

800.381.0662

visityazoo.org

NOVEMBER 15-DECEMBER

CLEVELAND

50 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

Marvel at one million Christmas lights and the best window displays south of 5th Avenue that adorn Cotton Row in this charming Delta town.

662.843.2712

50nightsoflights.com

NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 31

COLUMBIA

WINTER WONDERLAND

Columbia's hallmark outdoor ice skating rink provides a unique and large skating experience with live music and light shows.

experiencecolumbiams.com

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 31

GULFPORT

GULFPORT HARBOR LIGHTS WINTER FESTIVAL

This winter festival features a synchronized light show, Santa's Village, "Elfie Selfie" stations, holiday-themed rides and concession items available for purchase.

228.868.5881

gulfportharborlights.com

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 31

GULFPORT

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL

The Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum offers one of the largest Christmas light shows in the area, as well as arts & crafts, live performances and special guests, and visits with Santa.

228.284.5731

mcmrcm.org

NOVEMBER 25-27 & DECEMBER 2-23

CANTON

CANTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Experience the joy of the season in Canton, the "City of Lights," with an interactive Christmas village, horse drawn carriage rides, a carousel and more on the historic square downtown.

601.859.1307

cantontourism.com

January

JANUARY 7 | MERIDIAN

GREAT SCORPION TRAIL RUN

One of Mississippi's newest ultra-races, this 50k, 25k and 12.5k trail run takes place on the trails surrounding beautiful Bonita Lakes Park.

greatscorpiontrailrun.com

JANUARY 8-15 | JACKSON

JXN INDIE MUSIC WEEK

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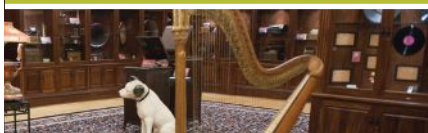
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JANUARY 27-29 | CLARKSDALE

CLARKSDALE FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mississippi connected and music related movies are shown at local venues throughout Clarksdale.
clarksdalefilmfestival.com

February

FEBRUARY 9-11 | CLEVELAND

MISSISSIPPI DELTA POTTERY FESTIVAL

Potters from around the Southeast will converge in the Delta to sell their wares and pottery. Collectors will love the pottery swap meet.

662.843.2712

visitlevelandms.com

FEBRUARY 10-18 | JACKSON

DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO

This annual event features livestock shows, equine events, agricultural showcases and the largest professional rodeo east of the Mississippi.

601.961.4000

mdac.ms.gov

FEBRUARY 18 | VICKSBURG

CARNAVAL DE MARDI GRAS

Celebrate Mardi Gras in downtown Vicksburg with a parade, carnival and gumbo cook-off.

601.634.4527

downtownvicksburg.org

FEBRUARY 25 | JACKSON

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BLUES MARATHON

Challenge yourself in a musical marathon or half-marathon, or take things a little easier with the "Quarter Note" quarter marathon or even a 5k.

504.454.6561

msbluesmarathon.events

March

MARCH 1-5 | OXFORD

OXFORD FILM FESTIVAL

This annual festival celebrates the art of independent cinema and shows with more than 200 quality films from across the globe.

877.560.3456

ox-film.com

MARCH 4 | HATTIESBURG

HATTIESBURG CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sample more than 100 types of craft beer from 30+ national breweries at this annual downtown Hattiesburg event.

hattiesburgcraftbeerfest.com

MARCH 4 | VICKSBURG

RUN THRU HISTORY

Take a 10k run, 5k walk or 1-mile fun run through the Vicksburg National Military Park with living history presentations and enjoy an after party featuring live music.

601.638.1071

runthruhistory.org

MARCH 16-26 | COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS HISTORIC HOME TOURS

Enjoy tours of meticulously maintained historic homes and gardens. This event also features culinary, art and music experiences.

800.920.3533

visitcolumbusms.org

MARCH 25 | JACKSON

38TH ANNUAL

HAL'S ST. PATTY'S PARADE & FESTIVAL

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Jackson at this fun loving, "rites of spring" event that includes a 5k, parade and music festival.

601.984.1972

halsstpaddysparade.com

MARCH 25 | HATTIESBURG

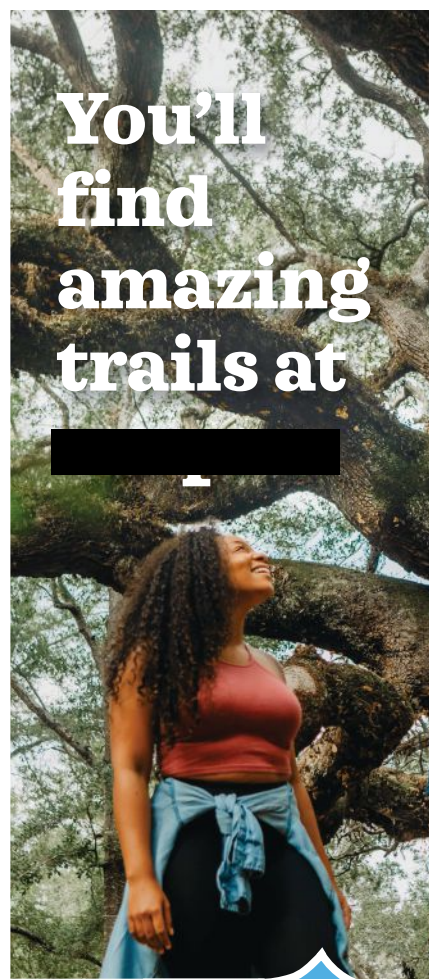
HUBFEST

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theadp.com



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**MARCH 25 | GREENWOOD
VIKING**

HALF MARATHON

The races will begin and end in the historic Cotton Row district and will take you through the flat, tree-lined streets of Greenwood. Racers and spectators will love the beautiful oaks and homes lining Grand Boulevard, once named "One of America's 10 Most Beautiful Streets" by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Garden Clubs of America.

662.453.2023

vikinghalfmarathon.com

**MARCH 29-31 | OXFORD
OXFORD
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FOR THE BOOK**

Book worms will enjoy this three-day event with literary panels and readings from award-winning authors.

662.915.3374

oxfordconferenceforthebook.com

April

**APRIL TBD | CARTHAGE
PICKIN' 35**

Shop more than 50 miles of yard sales from Vaiden to Walnut Grove along MS Hwy. 35.

601.267.9231

leakems.com

**APRIL TBD | FLOWOOD
MUDBUG BASH**

Fill up at the Chamber of Flowood's annual crawfish boil with live music, unlimited crawfish, corn and potatoes at the Flowood Nature Park.

601.932.8007

flowoodchamber.com

**APRIL TBD | RIDGELAND
TOWNSHIP JAZZ FESTIVAL**

This event has gained a reputation as one of the best family-friendly music events in the state—and the only music festival in the Jackson metro area dedicated to jazz—with a full spectrum of artists from national recording artists to local up-and-coming professionals and students.

601.856.6001

townshipjazzfestival.com

**APRIL TBD | SOUTHAVEN
42ND ANNUAL SPRINGFEST**

Enjoy great entertainment, carnival midway—including kiddie and major rides, games, great concessions and the State of Mississippi Barbecue Championship.

662.890.7275

southaven.org

**APRIL TBD | TUNICA
TUNICA RIVERGATE
FESTIVAL**

The Tunica Rivergate Festival offers a weekend lineup filled with live music, contests, kids' activities and lots of crawfish.

662.363.3800

tunicatravel.com

**APRIL TBD | WIGGINS
WINGS OVER WIGGINS**

Watch as contemporary, experimental and vintage aircraft fly in this exciting event that also features skydivers, food, arts & crafts and more.

601.928.5418

stonecounty.com

**APRIL 1 | HATTIESBURG
HATTIESBURG HALF
MARATHON**

Voted the best half marathon in the state, the Hattiesburg Half Marathon highlights local attractions, while benefiting 13 area nonprofits.

601.583.6180

hburghalfmarathon.com

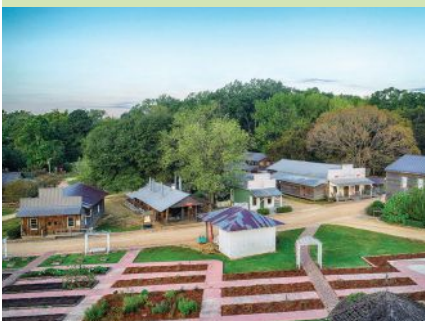
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APRIL 1 | MERIDIAN SIPP & SAVOR

Over two dozen award-winning Southern chefs showcase their distinctive dishes featuring Mississippi-sourced ingredients paired with fine drinks.

601.581.1550
msarts.org

APRIL 1-2 | MERIDIAN MAKER FAIRE®

The Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum will join Maker Faires from around the world for the "Greatest Show and Tell on Earth." This family-friendly event showcases crafters, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, inventors, photographers, tech enthusiasts and more.

601.693.9905
meridian.makerfaire.com

APRIL 1-2 | PASS CHRISTIAN ART IN THE PASS

Art in the Pass is a vetted fine arts festival that attracts about 100 artists from 10 states and approximately 10,000 visitors from across the South.

228.452.5969
passmainstreet.com

APRIL 8 | CLINTON 16TH ANNUAL CATERPILLAR PARADE

Main Street Clinton's "Spring into Green Market" features the Caterpillar Parade, 100 vendors, music and food along the brick streets.

601.924.5472
mainstreetclinton.com

APRIL 8 | PRENTISS RUN FOR THE ROSES

This annual 5k attracts runners and walkers from across the country.

601.792.5196
runfortheroses.racesonline.com

APRIL 13-15 | COLUMBUS CATFISH IN THE ALLEY

This is a celebration of the lives of African Americans in Columbus and the important contributions they have made throughout the community. The festival features live music, food and artisans.

800.920.3533
visitcolumbusms.org

APRIL 13-15 | CLARKSDALE JUKE JOINT FESTIVAL

Juke Joint Festival is "half blues festival, half small town fair and all about the Delta" in historic Clarksdale.

jukejointfestival.com

APRIL 14-15 | VICKSBURG VICKSBURG ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

This annual arts and music festival in downtown Vicksburg features live music and art demonstrations, vendors, food and more.

601.630.2929
vicksburgconventioncenter.com

APRIL 15 | CARROLLTON CRUISIN' COTESWORTH

Cruisin' Cotesworth, held on the grounds of historic Cotesworth, features antique, classic and collector cars, tours, demonstrations and other events.

662.299.0496
cotesworthcenter.com

APRIL 15 | LAUREL DOWNTOWN LAUREL CRAWFEST

This festival is held in downtown Laurel with kids' activities, live music and teams competing to be the winner for the best crawfish.

601.433.3255
laurelmainstreet.com



Catfish in the Alley



Double Decker Arts Festival

APRIL 21 | STARKVILLE

KING COTTON CRAWFISH BOIL

This is not your average crawfish boil. King Cotton has teams competing for the best crawfish with attendees being the judges. Live music and libations add to the fun.

662.323.3322

starkville.org

APRIL 21-22 | MERIDIAN

THREEFOOT FESTIVAL

Threefoot Festival brings together contemporary artisans and craftsmen, live entertainment, a children's mini-festival, an art car parade and food vendors for a full weekend of family-friendly fun.

601.693.2787

threefootfestival.com

APRIL 22 | CLEVELAND

CROSSTIE ARTS & JAZZ FESTIVAL

Juried arts show, jazz music, and unique and thoughtful activities for the kids (plus some great food) highlight this cool, little festival.

662.843.2712

crosstiefestival.com

APRIL 28-29 | GREENWOOD

QUE ON THE YAZOO

Nestled along the banks of the Yazoo River, this annual barbecue cooking competition features live music and activities for barbecue enthusiasts of all ages throughout the weekend.

662.453.9197

mainstreetgreenwood.com

APRIL 28-29 | OXFORD

DOUBLE DECKER ARTS FESTIVAL

This annual festival features over 200 art and food vendors and live musical performances by touring artists.

800.758.9177

doubledeckerfestival.com

APRIL 28-29 | WIGGINS

PINE HILL FESTIVAL

One of South Mississippi's longest-running festivals, this event features food, music, arts & crafts vendors, as well as 5k and 10k runs and a "Mutt Strut."

601.928.5418

stonecounty.com

May

MAY TBD | HERNANDO

49TH ANNUAL A'FAIR ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Shop more than 200 vendors offering a variety of arts & crafts, including handcrafted pottery, painting, photography, woodcraft, jewelry and enjoy live music, craft performances and more.

hernandooptimist.org

MAY TBD | NATCHEZ

MUDBUG MUSIC FESTIVAL

Enjoy live music from big name performers outside along the Mississippi River in Natchez.

601.492.3000

visitnatchez.org

MAY TBD | RIDGELAND

SNAPPY SYNC SOIREE

The Bill Waller Craft Center hosts its annual opportunity to experience the magic of these impressive synchronous fireflies.

601.856.7546

mscrafts.org

MAY | NATCHEZ

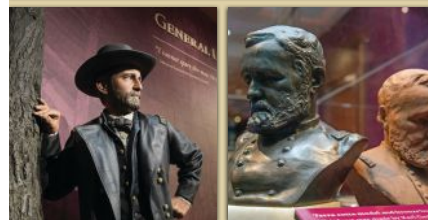
NATCHEZ FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

This month-long celebration features world-class music and live theater performances ranging from Broadway musicals to jazz, blues and other special concerts.

601.807.4442

natchezfestivalofmusic.com

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**MAY 5-6 | COLUMBUS
MARKET STREET FESTIVAL**

Enjoy this annual festival in historic downtown Columbus featuring more than 250 arts & crafts and food vendors, as well as dozens of special events, musical acts and other activities. This event has been named a "Top 20 Event" by the Southeast Tourism Society for 20 years.

662.328.6305

columbusmainstreet.com

**MAY 5-7 | RIDGELAND
ART, WINE & WHEELS**

Art, Wine and Wheels brings together three of Ridgeland's signature events to create one epic weekend of cultural and outdoor experiences. Enjoy the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival, Santé South Wine Festival and the Natchez Trace Century Ride, Mississippi's premier cycling event.

601.605.5252

artwineandwheels.com

**MAY 5-7 | TUPELO
BLUE SUEDE CRUISE**

A weekend full of classic, antique and hot rod automobiles on display with live music and great food.

662.213.8873

bluesc.com

**MAY 6 | COLLINS
34TH ANNUAL
OKATOMA FESTIVAL**

This annual celebration features a 5k run/walk, parade, musical entertainment, artisans and food vendors, children's area, quilt exhibit and car show.

601.765.6012

covingtonchamber.com

**MAY 6 | RICHLAND
MARKET ON TOWN SQUARE**

This market showcases vendors with arts & crafts, boutique clothing, accessories, great gift items and food products.

601.420.3402

richlandms.org



Gumtree Art & Wine Festival



Canton Flea Market Arts & Crafts Show

MAY 6-14 | MERIDIAN

JIMMIE RODGERS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Honoring the "Father of Country Music," highlights of this nine-day celebration are daily live music, a music history seminar, outdoor festival, crawfish boil and a NOLA-style gospel brunch.

601.938.7427

jimmierodgers.com

MAY 11 | CANTON

CANTON FLEA MARKET ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

This famous event is one of the South's original and finest arts & crafts shows, showcasing over 1,000 vendors with items such as pottery, jewelry and more.

601.859.1307

cantontourism.com

MAY 11 | OCEAN SPRINGS

TASTE OF OCEAN SPRINGS FOOD CRAWL

An elegant evening for guests to sip and savor an array of food and beverages served up by a selection of top restaurants and nightlife venues of Ocean Springs.

228.875.4424

oceanspringschamber.com

MAY 12-14 | TUPELO

GUMTREE ART & WINE FESTIVAL

Tupelo's annual celebration of visual and performing arts will include a wine festival with food pairing and other special events.

662.213.8992

gumtreeartandwinefestival.com

MAY 13 | FLOWOOD

FLOWOOD FAMILY FESTIVAL

The City of Flowood's Flowood Family Festival features live music, local eats, kids' activities and goodies, fireworks and more. Free.

601.939.4243

cityofflowood.com

MAY 13 | JACKSON

MISSISSIPPI MAKERS FEST

A day-long celebration of the state's rich and diverse music and art. This festival features Mississippi artisans, live music, make-and-take activities, food trucks and more.

601.576.6850

msmakersfest.mdah.ms.gov

MAY 13 | HATTIESBURG

FARM TO FORK RIDE OR RUN

Enjoy a unique culinary experience that also features races for runners and cyclists along the Longleaf Trace, benefiting Extra Table.

extratable.org

MAY 19-20 | BAY ST. LOUIS

ANNUAL PIRATE DAY IN THE BAY

Join Captain Longbeard and his pirate crew for the annual Pirate Day in the Bay at "Krewe Central," where you will find live music and carnival rides.

228.216.6416

mkotsh.com

MAY 20-21 | BILOXI

BLESSING OF THE FLEET & FAIS DO-DO

This annual event features a Fais Do-Do festival at Point Cadet on Saturday and a Blessing of the Fleet asking God for a bountiful and safe shrimping/boating season on Sunday.

228.435.6339

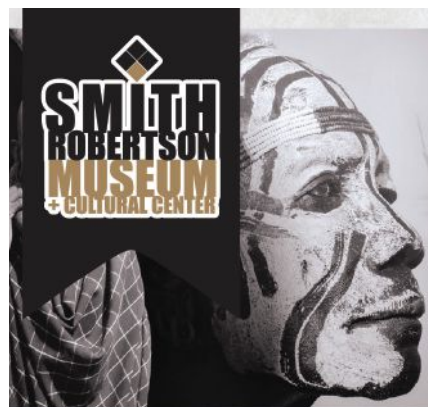
gulfcoast.org

MAY 26-28 | WAVELAND

ST. CLARE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Enjoy fantastic food of all kinds—of course including seafood—as well as carnival rides, live music, crafts, silent auction, raffle and a classic car show.

228.467.9275



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**MAY 28 | PASS CHRISTIAN
 JAZZ IN THE PASS**

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228.452.3315
passmainstreet.com

June

**JUNE TBD | STARKVILLE
 SALES & ALES**

Enjoy craft beer tastings and shopping downtown. Participating retailers will have sales.

662.323.3322
starkville.org

**JUNE TBD | OLIVE BRANCH
 5TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI
 ALE HOUSE ALEIVERSARY**

Come celebrate with live music, brew competitions, giveaways and games.

662.420.7538
mississippialehouse.com

**JUNE 1-24 | HATTIESBURG
 FESTIVALSOUTH**

Mississippi's only multi-week, multi-genre arts festival offers events for kids, adults, music lovers, film buffs, artists, theater enthusiasts and more.

festivalsouth.org

**JUNE 2 | MERIDIAN
 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI**

This annual Olympic-style competition begins with an opening ceremony on the city hall lawn and features a parade of athletes, live music and fireworks display. The competition features more than 5,000 athletes and 37+ sports, held on multiple dates, in multiple locations.

800.482.0205
stategamesofms.org

**JUNE 7-11 | TUPELO
 25TH ANNUAL TUPELO
 ELVIS FESTIVAL**

Tupelo's annual celebration of its favorite native son celebrates its 25th anniversary with live music, an Elvis tribute artist competition and more.

662.841.6598
tupeloelvisfestival.com

**JUNE 7-10 | VICKSBURG
 MISS MISSISSIPPI
 COMPETITION**

Watch this Emmy award-winning statewide competition as contestants compete for the Miss Mississippi crown and to qualify for the Miss America competition.

601.638.6746
miss-mississippi.com

**JUNE 8-18 | BILOXI
 SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SUMMER FAIR**

This is a family-friendly, jam-packed annual event that offers rides, live music, shows, contests and entertainment.

228.594.3700
mscoastcoliseum.com

**JUNE 9-11 | GRENADA
 THUNDER ON WATER**

Enjoy a festival with carnival rides, car/truck/bike show, tractor pull, fireworks, vendors, food trucks, music, hot air balloons, kids' activities and more.

662.614.4224
thunderonwater.org

**JUNE 10 | POPLARVILLE
 BLUEBERRY JUBILEE**

The annual Blueberry Jubilee is packed with vendors, food and entertainment.

601.795.7033

**JUNE 17 | BENTONIA
 BENTONIA BLUES FESTIVAL**

Mr. Jimmy "Duck" Holmes presents his festival at the historic Blue Front Cafe, where he has been keeping the blues alive for more than 50 years.

800.381.0662
visityazoo.org



Choctaw Indian Fair

JUNE 17 | GRENADA
SOUTHERN FIRECRACKER TRIATHLON

This triathlon features a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run.
901.472.4630
southernfirecracker.com

July

JULY TBD | BROOKHAVEN
BROOKSTOCK

Enjoy the sounds of rock 'n' roll during this three-night event featuring musicians from all over the South.
601.833.1411
visitbrookhavenms.com

JULY TBD | RIDGELAND
CELEBRATE AMERICA BALLOON GLOW

Enjoy food, fireworks, kids' corner and live music at Northpark Mall.
601.863.2300
visitsouthpark.com

JULY 1 | COLUMBUS
FIREWORKS ON THE WATER
Held on the banks of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, this patriotic celebration features food vendors, Independence Day fireworks and live music.
800.920.3533
visitcolumbusms.org

JULY 1 | RICHLAND
PATRIOTIC PARADE
This family-friendly patriotic celebration features a walking parade and parade with bikes, scooters, trikes, golf carts, wagons, strollers and more.
601.420.3400
richlandms.org

JULY 7-8 | CORINTH
SLUGBURGER FESTIVAL

Since 1988, Corinth has celebrated its local culinary creation, the slugburger. Enjoy slugburgers (a mixture of meat with an extender such as soybean grits), live music, a carnival and more.
corinth.net

JULY 12-15 | PHILADELPHIA
CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR
Come celebrate the tribe's biggest celebration with historical and cultural displays, tribal arts & crafts, stickball and the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.
601.663.7532
choctawindianfair.com

JULY 14-15 | HATTIESBURG
MISSISSIPPI MISS HOSPITALITY COMPETITION
The woman crowned at the 74th annual competition will serve as Mississippi's official goodwill ambassador for tourism and economic development during her reign.
misshospitallity.com

JULY 21-28 | PHILADELPHIA
NESHOBACOUNTY FAIR
Known as Mississippi's Giant House Party™, this annual event was established in 1889 and features political speeches, horse races, live music, fair rides and more.
neshobacountyfair.net

August

AUGUST 5 | GREENWOOD
BIKES, BLUES & BAYOUS & GREENWOOD GRAVEL GRIND CYCLING EVENTS
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662.453.4152
bikesbluesbayous.raceroster.com

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— HARRISON SCOTT KEY —
AUTHOR, 2022 OFFICIAL PANELIST

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MSBOOKFESTIVAL.COM



AUGUST 11-13 | CLARKSDALE

SUNFLOWER RIVER BLUES & GOSPEL FESTIVAL

This festival has celebrated blues music in its authentic style since 1988.

sunflowerfest.org

AUGUST 12 | JACKSON

BRIGHT LIGHTS BELHAVEN NIGHTS

This family-friendly street festival in Jackson's Belhaven neighborhood lights up with a mix of local and national musicians, artists, street vendors and family fun.

601.352.8850

greaterbelhaven.com

AUGUST 19 | JACKSON

MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL

"Mississippi's Literary Lawn Party" features visiting authors, panel discussions, book signings, booksellers, food trucks and family-friendly fun.

769.717.2648

msbookfestival.com

AUGUST 25-26 | CLINTON

RED BRICK ROADS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

The streets of Olde Towne Clinton fill with live music, art, crafts, food, brew competition and more during this annual festival.

601.924.5912

redbrickroads.com

AUGUST 26 | WIGGINS

CULTIVATION NATION TRIATHLON

This triathlon tests athletes' abilities with a 600-yard swim, 16-mile bike race and a 3.1-mile run at the beautiful Flint Creek Reservoir.

601.928.5418

stonecounty.com

September

SEPTEMBER TBD | HOLLY SPRINGS

22ND ANNUAL HUMMINGBIRD NATURE & MIGRATION CELEBRATION

One of the Southeast's biggest nature festivals, this celebration includes Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, renowned speakers, guided nature walks, live animal shows, kids' activities and arts & crafts.

662.252.1155

strawberryplains.audubon.org

SEPTEMBER TBD | OCEAN SPRINGS

OCEAN SPRINGS ARTWALK

Artwalk gives you the opportunity to watch artists in action, shop for local art, eat and drink at downtown restaurants and mingle among the small, boutique shops and galleries. The event is free to attend and offers something for the whole family.

artwalkos.com

SEPTEMBER TBD | SOUTHAVEN

MID-SOUTH FAIR

Enjoy carnival midway rides and games for adults and children, outdoor entertainment, petting zoo, contests and delicious fair food.

662.280.9120

landerscenter.com

SEPTEMBER TBD | TUPELO

CHANGE TUPELO FESTIVAL

This two-day event features street art, punk rock, hip-hop and skateboarding on the streets of downtown Tupelo.

662.350.0355

changetupelo.com

SEPTEMBER 2 | COLUMBIA

COLUMBIA FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

This is a family-friendly event includes a cruise-in, food trucks and live music in multiple locations.

601.736.6385

SEPTEMBER 2 | IUKA

IUKA HERITAGE DAY

This 35th annual festival celebrates Iuka's heritage with arts & crafts, music, a car show and food vendors.

662.423.0051

SEPTEMBER 2 | WEST POINT

PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL

This award-winning, juried fine arts and handmade crafts festival is held annually on the Saturday before Labor Day in downtown West Point.

662.494.5121

prairieartsfestival.org

SEPTEMBER 9-10 | BILOXI

BILOXI SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

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228.435.6339

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SEPTEMBER 14-16 | JACKSON

MISSISSIPPI SCIENCE FEST

Hosted by the four museums of the LeFleur Museum District, this festival offers interactive science, technology, engineering and math activities.

601.981.5469

mssciencefest.org

SEPTEMBER 16 | GRENADA

GRENADA DOWNTOWN JUBILEE

Enjoy a fun-filled family day of music, arts & crafts, children's activities, food trucks, Chakchiuma Swamp tours and much more.

662.226.2571

SEPTEMBER 16-17

DIAMONDHEAD

DIAMONDHEAD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Each September this festival features more than 150 vendors offering arts & crafts, gifts and food.

504.439.4004

SEPTEMBER 21-23 | MOSS POINT

HUMMINGBIRD MIGRATION & NATURE FESTIVAL

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228.475.0825

pascagoula.audubon.org

SEPTEMBER 22-23 | CLARKSDALE

MIGHTY ROOTS FESTIVAL

The Mighty Roots Festival features a mix of Americana music at the historic Stovall Farms, home of Muddy Waters and just outside Clarksdale.

mightyrootsmusicfestival.com

SEPTEMBER 23 | BURNSVILLE

BURNSVILLE WATERWAY FESTIVAL

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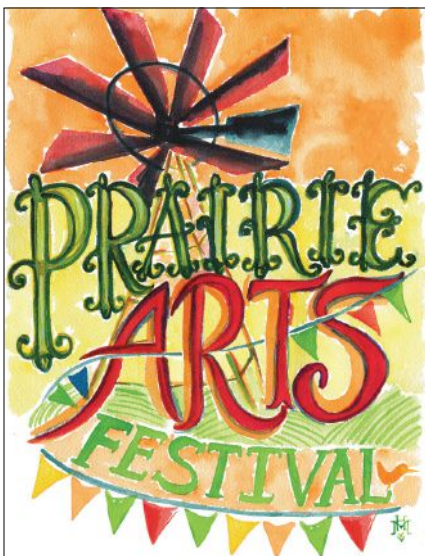
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New Albany's premier festival begins with Friday music on the Trailhead downtown. Saturday will have a street market including arts, food, crafts, kids' activities, music, a pet parade and more.

662.534.3438

visitnewalbany.com

October

OCTOBER TBD | ABERDEEN

BUKKA WHITE

BLUES FESTIVAL

Enjoy non-stop blues music on the banks of the Tenn-Tom Waterway and a barbecue and steak cookoff.

662.369.9440

bukkawhitebluesfestival.com

OCTOBER TBD | CARTHAGE

OKTOBERFEST

Enjoy food, shopping, live music and fun at the oldest festival in Carthage.

601.267.9231

leakems.com

OCTOBER TBD | FLOWOOD

TASTE OF FLOWOOD

The Chamber of Flowood's annual festival showcases local restaurants' signature dishes and specialty products at Mirror Lake.

601.932.8007

flowoodchamber.com

OCTOBER TBD | GRENADA

GREEN STREET

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Enjoy a full day of live music downtown on Green Street, local art show and the "When Pigs Fly in Grenada" barbecue contest.

662.699.2571

OCTOBER TBD | RIDGELAND

RENAISSANCE EURO FEST

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601.946.1950

euro-fest.net

OCTOBER TBD | STARKVILLE

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Mississippi's largest free outdoor concert is held annually in downtown Starkville.

662.325.3045

msubulldogbash.com

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COTTON DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL

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662.324.3080

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OCTOBER TBD | YAZOO CITY

YAZOO COUNTY FAIR

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800.381.0662

visityazoo.org

OCTOBER 1-8 | COASTWIDE

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This Coastwide event features classic cars on display and parading Highway 90 from Waveland to Pascagoula. Most venues and casinos offer 50s & 60s era entertainment.

228.385.3847

cruisinthecoast.com

OCTOBER 6-7 | CARROLLTON

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Download the free walking tour of Carrollton (App Store or Google Play) narrated by Walt Grayson and tour historic homes and churches.

662.392.4810

visitcarrolltonms.org



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**OCTOBER 6-7 | COLLINS
PEANUT FESTIVAL**

This festival at Mitchell Farm features farm tours, a pumpkin patch, maze, entertainment, food and arts & crafts vendors.
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tishomingofunhere.org

**OCTOBER 7 | VICKSBURG
BRICKS & SPOKES**

This cycling event features 10-, 30-, 50- and 60-mile routes throughout downtown and historic Vicksburg.
601.634.4527
downtownvicksburg.org

**OCTOBER 7 | COLUMBIA
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Held in City Park, this annual event features arts & crafts, food vendors and more.
601.731.3999

**OCTOBER 7 | LAUREL
LOBLOLLY FESTIVAL**

Enjoy downtown Laurel's largest annual event celebrating sawmill heritage with arts & crafts, great food, entertainment, kids' activities and more.
601.433.3255
laurelmainstreet.com

**OCTOBER 7 | PASS CHRISTIAN
PASS MONARCH
FESTIVAL**

This event will feature speakers, educational exhibits, hands-on activities for all ages and a walking parade for anyone in butterfly regalia (including pets).
228.452.4596

**OCTOBER 7 | WIGGINS
TASTE OF STONE COUNTY**

More than 20 booths fill the streets along Blaylock Park, welcoming visitors to enjoy music and the great foods found in Stone County.
601.928.5418
stonecounty.com

**OCTOBER 12-14 | CLARKSDALE
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FESTIVAL**

This festival features fun and enriching events devoted to America's greatest playwright who grew up in Clarksdale and went on to use the people and places for inspiration in his stories.
deltawilliamsfestival.com

**OCTOBER 14 | VICKSBURG
OVER THE RIVER RUN**

Enjoy a 5-mile run or walk over the Old Mississippi River Bridge, followed by an after party with live music.
601.631.2997
southernculture.org

**OCTOBER 20-21 | NATCHEZ
NATCHEZ BALLOON FESTIVAL**

Established in 1986, this weekend festival features hot-air balloons and live music in historic downtown Natchez.
601.442.2500
natchezballoonfestival.com

**OCTOBER 20-22 | BILOXI
BEAUVOIR'S FALL MUSTER**

Experience the sights and sounds of the 1800s with vendors, food, training and battles. There will also be a re-enactors camp in the back.
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228.215.0828

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OCTOBER 21-23 | JACKSON

OKTOBERFEST

Fertile Ground Beer Co. will host its inaugural Oktoberfest celebration, featuring specialty brews, custom beer steins, brat-eating and stein-hoisting competitions, kids' activities and more. Lederhosen are optional, but obviously encouraged.

fertilegroundbeer.com

OCTOBER 26-28 | RICHLAND

NIGHTMARE ON HARPER STREET

This spooky event is for ages 8 and up only. You never know what will be around the next corner—creaking doors, shadows, spiders and a ghost or two.

601.420.3402

richlandms.org

OCTOBER 28 | MAGEE

MAGEE CRAZY DAY FALL FESTIVAL

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601.849.2517

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OCTOBER 28 | ROLLING FORK

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662.873.6261

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November

NOVEMBER TBD | NATCHEZ

ANGELS ON THE BLUFF

This annual tour is an informative and entertaining tour of selected grave sites as local citizens and/or descendants tell the history, romance tragedy and mystery surrounding the people buried at these sites.

visitnatchez.org

NOVEMBER TBD | OCEAN SPRINGS

PETER ANDERSON ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

This annual festival honors its namesake artist, the original potter of Shearwater Pottery, and is one of the largest arts festivals on the Gulf Coast.

peterandersonfestival.com

NOVEMBER 1-4 | JACKSON

MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE

This three-day holiday shopping extravaganza features more than 100 merchants from across the nation and is presented by the Junior League of Jackson.

601.948.2357

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601.693.9905

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The brick streets of Olde Towne will be filled with Christmas spirit along with 120 vendors and choir and dance performances.

601.924.5472

mainstreetclintonms.com

NOVEMBER 11 | HERNANDO

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

This event recreates an atmosphere of the Christmas Victorian Era including a farmers market, carriage rides, caroling, craft demonstrations, shopping and more.

cityofhernando.org

NOVEMBER 11 | HOLLY SPRINGS

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662.252.8000

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228.463.9222

December

DECEMBER TBD | FLOWOOD

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601.932.8007

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DECEMBER TBD | OXFORD

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800.758.9177

visitoxfordms.com

DECEMBER 2 | BILOXI

CHRISTMAS ON THE WATER

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228.617.3112 | 228.432.2563

DECEMBER 9-10 | COASTWIDE

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This event features a full marathon (a Boston Marathon qualifier), half marathon, 5k and kids' marathon.

mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com

DECEMBER 10 | RICHLAND

CHRISTMAS IN RICHLAND

Richland boasts holiday cheer with its local Market-Community Center, Christmas on Town Square and Christmas Parade.

601.420.3402

richlandms.org

DECEMBER 16 | POPLARVILLE

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

This holiday celebration features vendors on the Town Green, entertainment, pictures with Santa and shopping at businesses around town.

601.795.0578

poplarvillechamber.org

DECEMBER 21 | ABERDEEN

POLAR EXPRESS

This annual pajama party is held at the historic Elkin Theatre in Aberdeen and features visits with Santa, ornament crafts and classic Christmas movies on the big screen.

662.369.9440

aberdeenms.org

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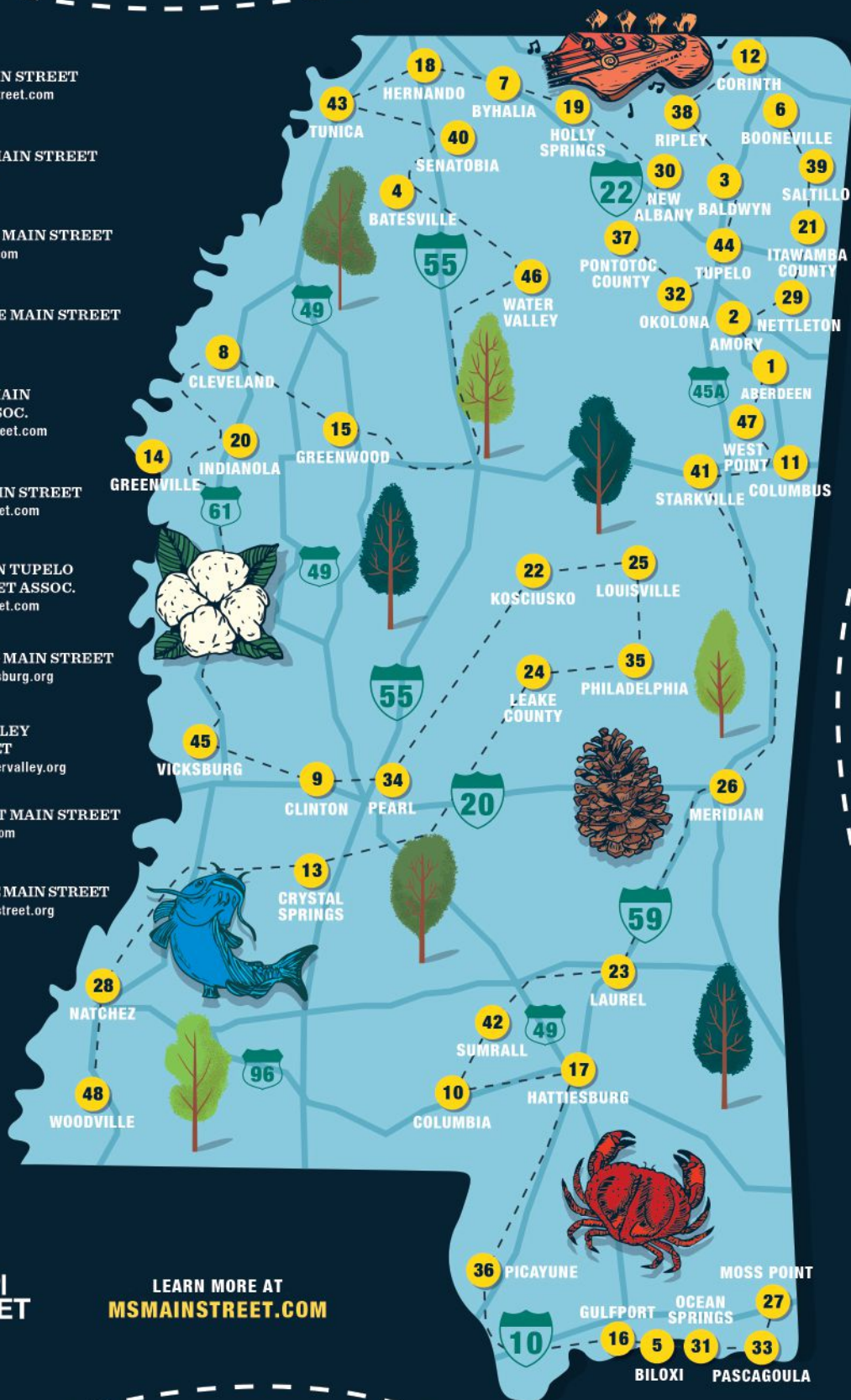
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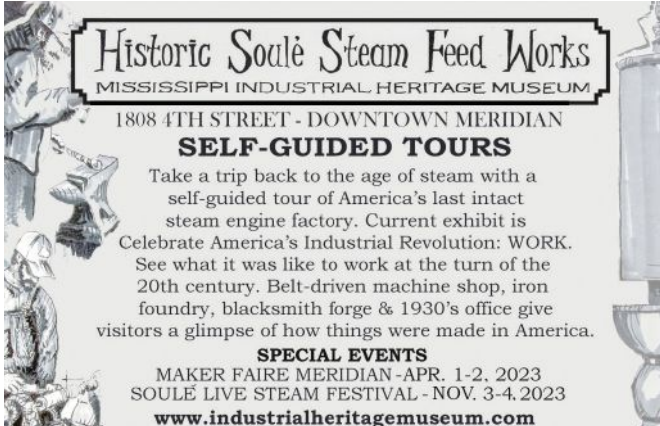


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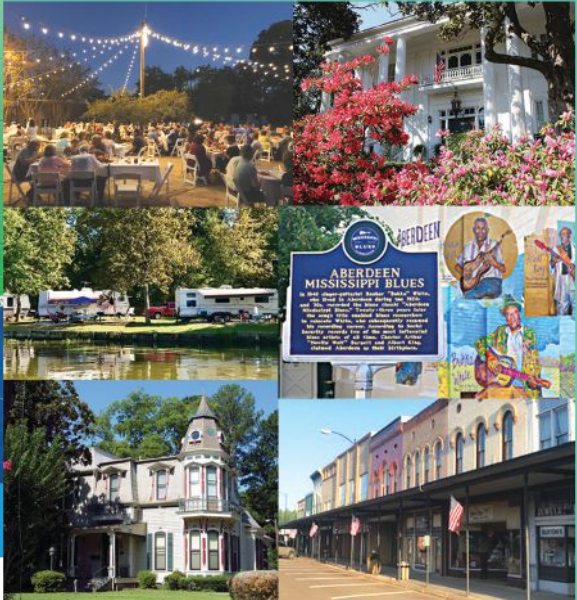
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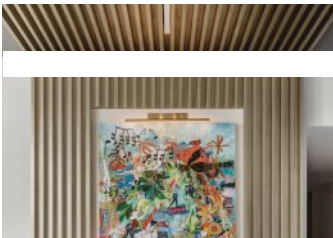


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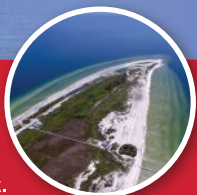
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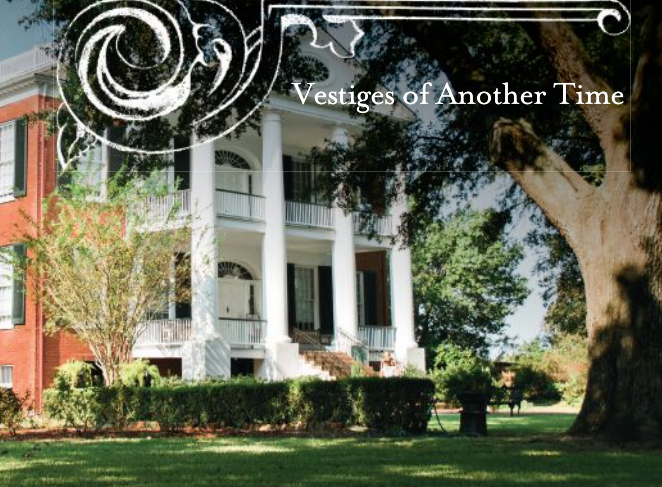
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